

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Bill 2024-04: REVISED 9-1-1 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

The Charles County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in a hybrid format, both virtually and in person at the Charles County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland, to consider the proposed amendment to §236-2 of the Charles County Code. This amendment shall increase the range of fees imposed by the County to cover increased costs associated with providing emergency services via telephone.

Individuals or representatives of groups wishing to make oral or written comments are encouraged to attend the hearing.

**In-person:** Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes (1/2 hour) prior to the hearing at the Charles County Government Building (200 Baltimore Street, La Plata) and will end at the commencement of the hearing.

**Virtually:** Call (240) 776-6709, between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to register to speak. Once registered, citizens will receive a virtual link to testify between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. after in-person speakers testify. If you are not available to speak when your name is called, we have the right to move on to the next caller. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes.

Written or voicemail comments may be submitted in lieu of oral testimony, or to expand upon oral testimony, and will be accepted Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 starting at 8 a.m. through Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5 p.m. for:

**E-Comment:** <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/public-comments/public-hearing-comments/9-1-1-fee-increase>

**Phone message:** call 301-645-0652

**Mail:** Commissioners of Charles County, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Comments sent by mail must be received no later than Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Those citizens with special needs may contact Maryland Relay Service TDD 1-800-735-2258.

For more information, please contact the Department of Emergency Services at 301-609-3429 or by email at [DES@CharlesCountyMD.Gov](mailto:DES@CharlesCountyMD.Gov).

### BY ORDER OF THE CHARLES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Reuben B. Collins, II., Esq., President

In the event the notified meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or acts of nature beyond the control of the County, all items scheduled to be discussed or heard at the meeting will be rescheduled to a later date at 6:00pm in the County Commissioners Meeting Room.

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Please publish two (2) times on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

# COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

## 2024 Legislative Session

Bill No. 2024-

Chapter. No. 236

Introduced by **Charles County Commissioners**

**Date of Introduction**

## BILL

## AN ACT concerning

## REVISED 9-1-1 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE LOCAL LAW CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF 9-1-1 TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH THE AMENDED STATE ENABLING LEGISLATION THAT Allows FOR AN INCREASE IN THE 9-1-1 FEE TO COVER PROJECTED OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR.

BY amending:

## Chapter 236-2 – Switched local exchange access service

*Code of Charles County, Maryland*

(2023 Edition)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as follows:**

Chapter 236

## FEES

## 236-2. SWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE

There is hereby imposed an additional charge of **\$0.75** [**\$0.25**] per month not to exceed **\$2.25**

