

**A RESOLUTION BY THE WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS
DISTRICT ESTABLISHING CERTAIN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE
CHARGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACTS**

**1988, NO. 123, §1; ACTS 1988, NO. 153, §1; ACTS 1991, NO. 358, §1; ACTS 1999,
NO. 1029, §1, EFF. JULY 9, 1999; ACTS 2016, NO. 665, EFF. AUGUST 1, 2016**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has enacted Acts 1983, No. 550, §1. Amended by Acts 1988, No. 123, §1; Acts 1988, No. 153, §1; Acts 1991, No. 358, §1; Acts 1999, No. 1029, §1, eff. July 9, 1999; Acts 2016, No. 665, §1, eff. August 1, 2016. As stated in Revised Statute 33:9106 Paragraph B.(1)(a) The governing authority of the district may, when so authorized by a vote of a majority of the persons voting within the district in accordance with law, levy an emergency telephone service charge in an amount not to exceed five percent of the tariff rate; however, if a district is served by more than one service supplier, then the emergency telephone service charge shall not exceed five percent of the highest tariff rate; and

WHEREAS, Revised Statute 33:9106, Paragraph A (3) "Exchange access facilities" means all lines, provided by the service supplier for the provision of local exchange service, as defined in existing general subscriber services tariffs, or interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service as defined in 47 CFR 9.3. For a Primary Rate Interface (PRI) circuit or other multiline service, the number of exchange access facilities is equal to the capacity as activated by the service supplier for simultaneous outward voice calls to the public switched telephone network; and

WHEREAS, Revised Statute 33:9106, Paragraph A (6) "Tariff rate" means the rate or rates as stated in the service supplier's tariffs and approved by the Public Service Commission, that represent the service supplier's recurring charges for exchange access facilities, exclusive of all taxes, fees, licenses, or similar charges whatsoever. If exchange access facilities are provided by the service supplier under both flat and usage-sensitive rate schedules, the flat rates shall be considered the "tariff rate"; and

WHEREAS, Based on the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 1988, and the Process Verbal of December 13, 1988, of the Washington Parish Police Jury, the Washington Parish Communications District may levy an emergency telephone service charge in an amount not to exceed five percent of the tariff rate; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Acts is to provide funds to pay the expenses necessary to carry out all purposes of the district, pursuant to R.S. 33:9102 and R.S. 33:9106(D); and

WHEREAS, the expenses necessary to carry out all purposes of the district, pursuant to R.S. 33:9102 and R.S. 33:9106(D) have increased due to the addition of equipment and facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Parish Communications District may from time to time recalculate the emergency telephone service charge based on existing tariffs in force at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District has not recalculated the emergency telephone service charge based on existing tariffs in force at that time since 2016; and

WHEREAS, Based on tariffs effective on August 4, 2024, LA-24-0025, the following Flat Rate Schedules currently apply in Louisiana; and

Residence Service Per Line, UNE Zones 2 and 3	\$ 47.00 Per Month
Business Single Line Service, UNE Zones 1-3	\$1,530.00 Per Month

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District is committed to providing the citizens of this Parish with the most technologically advanced features for their 9-1-1 System that can increase effectiveness and thereby save lives and property; and

NOW THEREFORE, a Motion was duly made to the Commissioners, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Acts 1983, No. 550, §1. Amended by Acts 1988, No. 123, §1; Acts 1988, No. 153, §1; Acts 1991, No. 358, §1; Acts 1999, No. 1029, §1, eff. July 9, 1999, Acts 2016, No. 665, §1, eff. August 1, 2016, the emergency telephone service charge levied shall be revised to reflect tariffs effective on August 4, 2024, LA-24-0025. This emergency telephone service charge applies to all lines, provided by the service supplier for the provision of local exchange service, as defined in existing general subscriber services tariffs, or interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service as defined in 47 CFR 9.3. For a Primary Rate Interface (PRI) circuit or other multiline service, the number of exchange access facilities is equal to the capacity as activated by the service supplier for simultaneous outward voice calls to the public switched telephone network;

These recalculated emergency telephone service charges shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2025:

Residence Service Per Line, Washington Parish	\$ 2.35 Per Month
Business Single Line Service, Washington Parish	\$ 8.00 Per Month

WHEREUPON, the motion was seconded, and submitted to the official vote of the Washington Parish Communications District, which vote was as follows:

YEAS: Coleman, Harris, Burris, Stogner, Smith

NEYS: Jones

ABSENT: August

WHEREUPON, the above and foregoing resolution was declared duly adopted this 12th day of November, 2024, by the Washington Parish Communications District.

James M. Coleman

James M. Coleman, Chairman

Cynthia August

Cynthia August, Secretary