

Offered by: Brandi Leonard
Seconded by: Garrett Grogan

RESOLUTION

Resolution Number: 082726-A

A RESOLUTION, PURSUANT TO LA R.S. 33:9109 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED BY THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE, UPDATING THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE CHARGE ON WIRELESS SERVICE USERS IN LOUISIANA PURSUANT TO ACT 947 OF THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE DURING THE 2026 REGULAR SESSION; ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR FEES TO COMMENCE; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Communications District authorized by Act 947 of the 2026 Regular Session amended LA R.S. 33:9109 providing all Louisiana's Communications Districts the ability to increase the collection of a wireless 911 service charge not to exceed two dollars per month per wireless Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) subscriber whose billing address is located within the service boundary of the District, and made effective on August 1, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, rapid technological advancements require public safety communications districts to modernize their infrastructure to support next-generation capabilities, including streaming video, text-to-9-1-1 services, and enhanced location accuracy, which entail significantly higher procurement and operational costs; and,

WHEREAS, the impending costs to be imposed upon the District for ESInet/911 Core Services and Cloud-Based Call Handling System Subscription Software connectivity has increased, while current District revenues have dramatically decreased due to Prepaid Wireless remittance shortfall, to remedy this disparity and achieve its' goal in acquiring NextGen911 for St. Mary Parish, the St. Mary Parish Communications District has accepted the burden to enact this increase for the betterment of the 911 system, first responder communication, and the safety of the citizenry.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Communications District Board, pursuant to LA R.S. 33:9109 as amended by the Louisiana Legislature by ACT 947 of the 2026 Regular Session of the Louisiana State Legislature, imposes an increase to **\$2.00** per access device per month to all CMRS connected devices, otherwise referred to as Wireless Devices capable of accessing 911 services regardless of method of connectivity, and with the billing address within the Boundary of the Parish of St. Mary Parish and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the collection of this updated emergency telephone service charge shall officially commence on **October 1, 2026**, and shall be collected and remitted by wireless service providers in accordance with the timelines and provisions established under Louisiana law.

WHEREUPON the motion was put to a vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

FIVE (5) YEAS: Justin Martin, Duval Arthur, III, Garrett Grogan, Brandi Leonard, and Ross Mire

ZERO (0) NAYS:

TWO (2) ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Travis Mayon and Scott Verret

*I, **Justin Martin**, Chairman of the St. Mary Parish Communications District Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the assembled Board during regular meeting held on **August 27, 2026**.*

*Given under my official signature on this **27th** day of **August 2026**.*



Justin Martin, Chairman
St. Mary Parish Communications District