

Offered by: Garrett Grogan
Seconded by: Duval Arthur, III

RESOLUTION

Resolution Number: 082726-B

A RESOLUTION, PURSUANT TO LA R.S. 33:9101 ET SEQ. AS AMENDED BY THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE, UPDATING THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE CHARGE ON FIXED LOCATION WIRELINE SERVICE USERS TO 2026 AT&T TARIFF RATES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026; ESTABLISHING THE TARIFF RATE FOR RESIDENTIAL LANDLINE USERS AND BUSINESS FIXED LOCATION WIRELINE SERVICE USERS; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RS 33:9106, in 1989, by majority approval of the voters of St. Mary Parish, the St. Mary Parish Communications District was granted the authority to impose a 911 service charge throughout the entirety of the District at a maximum allowed collection for fixed location wireline service subscribers not to exceed 5% of the tariff rate based on the highest amount charged for basic service within the District by an exchange access service provider or equivalent; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Communications District Board as allowed by LA R.S. 33:9106 as amended by the Louisiana Legislature, based upon the February 4, 2024 AT&T General Exchange Guidebook LA-240005, converted the rate schedule for its service charge on September 26th, 2024 in an effort to stabilize wireline income for the District, the Board of Commissioners authorized a service charge collection of \$2.25 or 5% of the rate paid by Residential service users of fixed location wirelines per access line per month; and a service charge collection of \$5.64 or 1.75% of the rate paid by Business users of fixed location wirelines per access line per month and,

WHEREAS, AT&T Louisiana confirms in publication entitled LA-260009 General Exchange Guidebook Thirty First Revised Page 2 Effective June 1, 2026, a tariff rate increase for both residential and business wire line subscribers which includes St. Mary Parish and depicts the rate for Residential Flat Rate being \$57.00 per month and Business Single Line Flat Rate Service being \$843.00 per month; and,

WHEREAS, the District Board in its' need to remedy a loss in revenues due to Prepaid Wireless remittance reduction, and to fund an increase cost of NG911 core services and cloud call handling system subscription, must consider all responsible funding options and sources with prudence, justification, and equitability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Communications District Board, pursuant to LA R.S. 33:9101 et seq. as amended by the Louisiana Legislature, hereby authorizes the tariff based emergency telephone service charge (911 service charge) paid by Residential service users of fixed location wireline (i.e., landline telephone exchange service), located within the boundaries of St. Mary Parish, to an amount equal to 5% of the present tariff based rate, or **\$2.85** per access line per month and to make effective **October 1, 2026**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Communications District Board, in recognition of the burden of taxation on the business community within the Parish, hereby further authorizes the tariff based flat fee emergency telephone service charge paid by Business service users of fixed location wire line, located within the boundaries of St. Mary Parish, to the amount equal to **0.89%** of the present tariff based rate, or **\$7.50** per access line per month and to make effective **October 1, 2026**.

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

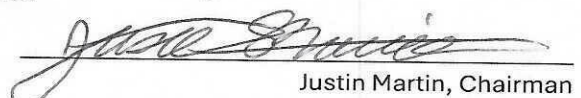
FIVE (5) YEAS: Justin Martin, Duval Arthur, III, Garrett Grogan, Brandi Leonard, and Ross Mire

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