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Re: Amending Chapter 95 to include enforcement of Kari's Law

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AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE COUNTY 9-1-1 FEE

WHEREAS, Calvert County strives to protect the health and safety of County residents and visitors to the County and recognizes that "911" is the United States' universal emergency assistance line;

WHEREAS, Section 1-311 of the *Public Safety Article* of the Maryland Annotated Code provides for the imposition of a county 9-1-1 fee to be added to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service or CMRS or other 9-1-1-accessible service in the county;

WHEREAS, if revenues attributable to the county 9-1-1 fee for a fiscal year do not provide the revenues necessary to cover a county's operational costs for the 9-1-1 system for that fiscal year, the county may, for the following fiscal year, impose a county 9-1-1 fee sufficient to cover the county's projected operational costs for the 9-1-1 system for the fiscal year for each switched local exchange access service, CMRS, or other 9-1-1-accessible service provided;

WHEREAS, the Calvert County Department of Public Safety has advised that the county 9-1-1 fee for fiscal year 2024 do not provide the revenues necessary to cover a county's operational costs for the 9-1-1 system for this fiscal year, and has recommended that the County set a county 9-1-1 fee for fiscal year 2025, and subsequent years, to better cover the eligible costs;

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing was duly advertised for two consecutive weeks before the public hearing held on March 26, 2024, at which time the Board of County Commissioners received public comment; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration of the comments of the public and staff, the Board of County Commissioners finds it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Calvert County, Maryland to enact and adopt the county 9-1-1 fee as prescribed herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland hereby does find that this Ordinance is necessary for the protection of public safety to enact and adopt the following county 9-1-1 fee shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00) for Fiscal Year 2025 and thereafter until adjusted by subsequent Ordinance, but not more than necessary to cover the County's operational costs for the 9-1-1 system;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that, in the event any portion of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, illegal, null or void, by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to sever only the invalid portion or provision, and that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be enforceable and valid, unless deletion of the invalid portion would defeat the clear purpose of the Ordinance, or unless deletion of the valid portion would produce a result inconsistent with the purpose and intent of the Board of County Commissioners in enacting this Ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated and adopted as if fully set forth herein;

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Ordinance No. 08-24

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the county 9-1-1 fee continues in effect until repealed or modified by a subsequent county ordinance or resolution;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the Calvert County Department of Public Safety shall certify the amount of the county 9-1-1 fee to: (1) the Public Service Commission; (2) the Board; and (3) no later than 60 days before the implementation of the change, the Comptroller; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that this Ordinance shall be effective upon recordation and publication of a fair summary.

DONE, this 26th day of March, 2024, by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, sitting in regular session.

Aye: 5
Nay: 0
Absent/Abstain: 0

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Garry P. Smith