

# State of Louisiana



## Parish of Grant In the Name and By the Authority of The Police Jury of Grant Parish

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr and carried to adopt the following Ordinance:

### ORDINANCE NO. 06-2023

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING THE ORDINANCE PASSED SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1988. TO ESTABLISH A "CAP" ON CERTAIN SERVICE CHARGES IMPOSED IN THE GRANT PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING, MAINTAINING, AND OPERATING A 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN SAID DISTRICT; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 2016, the Grant Parish Police Jury, in its capacity as the Governing Authority of the Communications District of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, in resolution 21-2016, approved a proposition authorizing said District to levy an emergency telephone service charge not to exceed 5% of the tariff rate for local telephone service within the district;

**WHEREAS**, on January 11, 2024 the Grant Parish Police Jury, in its statutory capacity as the Governing Authority of the Communications District adopted Ordinance **06-2023**; levying a service charge of 5% of the tariff rate for local telephone service, with the proceeds of said service charge being dedicated for the purpose of establishing, maintaining, and operating the 911 emergency communications system;

**WHEREAS**, thereafter, as more emergency 911 calls began to be made from wireless phones, the Louisiana Legislature adopted La. R.S. 33:9109 (Acts 1999, No. 1029) authorizing communications districts to levy a charge of not more than eighty-five cents per month on mobile telephones. In 2016, the Louisiana Legislature addressed the tremendous costs faced by communications districts in connection with providing the new generation of 911 service to accommodate the digital media that were becoming an increasing part of 911 communications (including voice, text, data, photos, video, etc.) by amending La. R.S. 33:9103 to increase the authorized service charge for mobile telephones to \$1.25 per month (La. Acts 2016, No. 665); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish Communications District desires to adopt the \$1.25 per month emergency service charge for mobile telephones authorized by La. R.S. 33:9109 and to equalize the emergency service charges for mobile phones and residential wireline phones, including VoIP services.

**BE IT OBTAINED** that pursuant to the authority of La. R.S. 33:9109, and in accordance with the provisions thereof, the Grant Parish Police Jury, in its capacity as the Governing Authority of the Communications District of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, does hereby levy a service charge of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per month per wireless CMRS connection;

**BE IT FURTHER OBTAINED** that Grant Parish Police Jury, in its capacity as the Governing Authority of the Communications District of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, does hereby levy a service charge of no greater than four dollars (\$4.00) per month per residential telephone service line, said rate to become effective on February 1, 2024; and within the current five percent (5%) of the highest tariff rate for the local telephone service as established by a vote of the people on September 8, 1988.;

**BE IT FURTHER OBTAINED** that Grant Parish Police Jury, in its capacity as the Governing Authority of the Communications District of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, does hereby levy a service charge of no greater than eight dollars (\$8.00) per month per business telephone service line, said rate to become effective on February 1, 2024; and within the current five percent (5%) of the highest tariff rate for the local telephone service as established by a vote of the people on November 8, 1988.;

**BE IT FURTHER OBTAINED**, that such service change shall be levied, collected and expended in accordance with the provisions of Act 805 of 2016 and other applicable law, and;

**BE IT FURTHER OBTAINED**, that the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office is authorized to negotiate with each CMRS Provider, and to execute such other actions on behalf of the District as are prudent and appropriate, so as to ensure that the increased service charge is collected for and remitted to and utilized by the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office to continue to provide Enhanced 911 services, including Next generation (NG911) services, throughout Grant Parish under its agreement with the District; and;

**BE IT FURTHER OBTAINED** that in order to achieve efficiencies in the provision of Enhanced 911 Services to the people of Grant Parish, Louisiana, the Grant Parish Communication District, herewith transfers all of its functions and duties pertaining to the Grant Parish Enhanced 911 service as granted by La R.S. 33:9101 to the Grant Parish Law Enforcement District.

**Date of Enactment** – This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval.

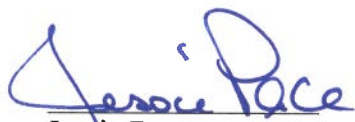
**WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:**

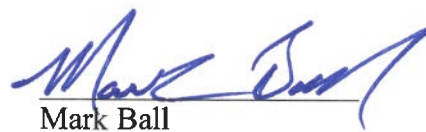
**YEAS:** Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. johnny Jamison  
Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Mike Merrell, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr.  
Mr. Winston Roberts

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 11 th DAY OF January, 2024.**

  
Jessie Pace  
Parish Manager/ Secretary – Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury

  
Mark Ball  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

#### **CERTIFICATE**

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager / Secretary - Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the said Police Jury in a regular session on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, at a quorum.

  
Jessie Pace  
Parish Manager / Secretary – Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury