

Phone Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges

State 911 Tax

This tax is assessed on behalf of the State of Oregon to pay for 911 emergency dispatch service.

Federal Excise Tax

Mandated by the federal government, this tax is levied on local and wireless telecommunications services.

Federal Universal Service Fund Surcharge

This surcharge keeps local phone service affordable for all Americans by providing discounts on services to schools, libraries, and people living in rural and high-cost areas.

Franchise Fee

This fee recovers the cost of operating in your city or municipality – including fees imposed for the rights to place telephone poles and wires along streets and other rights of way.

Oregon Universal Service Fund Surcharge

Ensures high quality and affordable phone service is available to all Oregonians, especially those living in rural areas where the cost to provide telecommunications service may be higher.

Oregon PUC Fee

Designed to recover the amount telecommunications service providers pay the PUC to regulate public utilities, this fee is assessed on all intrastate revenues, including both local and toll services.

Regulatory Recovery Fee

It is billed to recover a variety of industry and government fees and surcharges levied on the service provider. The Fee includes the following voice industry assessments:

- FCC Wireline Fee assessed and paid to the FCC in support of their regulatory mission.
- FCC Cable Fee assessed and paid to the FCC in support of their regulatory mission.
- NANP Fee is the National Numbering Pooling Administration for telephone number management and assignment.
- TRS is the Telecommunications Relay Service Fund for support of the telephone relay service provided to the deaf and hard of hearing community.
- LNP is the Local Number Portability Administration Fee for telephone industry support of the administration of telephone number porting research and development.

Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF)

Funds Oregon relay services, specialized communication devices to qualifying Oregonians with disabilities, and discounted monthly phone or high-speed internet service for qualifying low-income Oregonians.