CADDO PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-001

INTRODUCED BY Fred McClanahan, SECONDED BY Clarence Babineaux,
ON THE 21ST DAY OF JULY, 2026

AN ORDINANCE, PURSUANT TO LA R.S. 33:9109 ET SEQ. AS AMENDED BY THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE, UPDATING THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE CHARGE ON WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE TO BE LEVIED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO:

WHEREAS, during the First Extraordinary Session of 1996 of the Louisiana Legislature, HB 224 was enacted, which allowed the Caddo Parish Communications District Number One (District) to impose a service charge on wireless services upon voter approval; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 1996, an election was held whereby the majority of those voting in Caddo Parish authorized the District to assess a service charge on wireless communications services at a rate of one dollar ($1.00) per month, per wireless CMRS connection; and

WHEREAS, through the enactment of Act Number 665 of 2026 (Regular Session) the state of Louisiana has authorized the various Communications Districts of the state, including the District, to increase the said CMRS service charge to an amount not to exceed one dollar and twenty-five cents ($1.25) per month, per wireless CMRS connection; and

WHEREAS, through the enactment of Act No. 947 of 2026 (Regular Session) the state of Louisiana has authorized the various Communications Districts of the state, including the District by amendment and reenactment of R.S. 33:9109(C)(2) and (7)(b) and R.S 9109.2(C)(1) and (2)(b), and the enactment of 33:9109.2(C)(2)(e), to increase the said CMRS service charge to an amount not to exceed two dollars ($2.00) per month, per wireless CMRS connection; and

WHEREAS, through the aforementioned amendment and reenactment, and through the aforementioned enactment (2026 Regular Session), the state of Louisiana has found that it is in the public interest for 9-1-1 emergency communications systems operated by the Communications Districts within Louisiana to provide Enhanced 9-1-1 (E911) and Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) service to the public as the necessary technological advancements continue to present themselves and sufficient funding to make these improvement becomes available, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to provide additional funding for E911 and NG911 call taking, dispatching, telecommunications systems, platforms and tools for First Responders and for other lawful purposes of the District.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY Fred McClanahan, SECONDED BY Clarence Babineaux WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTING IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS: Tonya Reaves (Vice Chair), Clarence Babineaux (Secretary), Jackie Lewis, Fred McClanahan

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mike Irvin (Chairman)

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, THE 21ST DAY OF JULY, 2026; AND BECOMES CADDO PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT NUMBER ONE ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-001.

VICE-CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CADDO PARISH COMMUNICATIONS
DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

ATTEST:

SECRETARY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CADDO PARISH COMMUNICATIONS
DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT NUMBER ONE THAT:

SECTION 1. Definitions:

a. "CMRS" means commercial mobile radio service as defined by 47 C.F.R. 20.3

b. "CMRS Connection" means each device telephone number assigned to a CMRS customer.

c. "Service Charge" means the CMRS emergency telephone service charge as defined in the R.S. 33:9109 and as levied and collected pursuant to this Ordinance.

d. "E911 means an emergency telephone system, which provides the caller with emergency 9-1-1 system service, that directs 9-1-1 calls to appropriate public safety answering points by selective routing based on the geographical location from which the call originated, and that provides the capability for automatic number identification and other features that the Federal Communications Commission may require in the future.

e. "NG911" means an Internet Protocol (IP)-based system that ensures interoperability; is secure; employs commonly accepted standards; enables emergency communications centers to receive, process, and analyze all types of 911 requests for emergency assistance; acquires and integrates additional information useful to handling 911 requests for emergency assistance; and supports sharing information related to 911 requests for emergency assistance among emergency communications centers and emergency response providers.

SECTION 2. There is hereby levied a CMRS emergency telephone service charge of two dollars ($2.00) on each CMRS service connection as described in LA R.S. 33:9109(C)(4) and shall be levied for each connection that has a billing address is within the boundaries of Caddo Parish.

SECTION 3. The said CMRS emergency telephone service charge shall be collected from telecommunications service users unless otherwise exempt from this service charge, and the avails of said emergency telephone service charge shall be expended as authorized by Part I of Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. If any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective and be deemed enacted August 1, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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