



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 30, 2022  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 6, 2022

**DATE:** August 30, 2022  
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**Ordinance adopting the City of Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances for changes for 9-1-1  
emergency service fees**

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55, regarding 9-1-1 emergency service fees as of January 1, 2023.

### **SUMMARY:**

This item is an Ordinance adopting the City of Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55, regarding 9-1-1 emergency service fees as of January 1, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

City Charter requires City Council to review and act on changes to the Code of Ordinances. The City of Corpus Christi is proposing amending the City Code of Ordinances for changes to the 9-1-1 emergency service fee.

In 1990, the City of Corpus Christi agreed to participate with the Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG) regional plan for 911 service. In June 1997, the City Council authorized resolutions to withdraw from the regional 911 plan. The City of Corpus Christi sued for the right to withdraw from the CBCOG and ultimately won its release in Austin's Third Court of Appeals in September of 2001. Corpus Christi has been operating as a home rule 911 city since early 2002. As a home rule city, it is allowable to set the rate of fee not to exceed 6% of the monthly base rate charged a service user by the principal service provider (Sec. 772.214(c), HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE). Our first fees were collected in August/September 2002.

In FY 2020, the 911 wireline fees were increased for residential lines by .35, business lines by .55, and trunk charges by .80 and earmarked to help offset the funding necessary to operate a 911 PSAP.

This increase is requested to further subsidize the rising cost of operating a 911 PSAP. The current and adjusted rates are detailed below:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Current Fees</b>	<b>Maximum Allowed Fee</b>
<b>Residential</b>	\$1.60	\$1.80
<b>Business</b>	\$2.00	\$2.40
<b>Trunk</b>	\$2.40	\$4.30

The estimated increase in revenue is \$197,125.00.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Approval of the Rates and Fees is required to approve the Operating Budget.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is an estimated increase of \$197,125.00 in revenues from the new 9-1-1 emergency service fee change in the Proposed Budget for FY 2023.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Mission Element:

Project # **(CIP Only):** N/A

Account:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the recommended changes to the Code of Ordinances for the new 9-1-1 emergency service fee change, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

FY 2023 Ordinance for Fee Schedule