



**ORDINANCE NO. 9318**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8048 WITH RESPECT TO THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE CHARGES IMPOSED IN THE COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING A 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN SAID DISTRICT; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 1986, the voters of the Communications District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, -- a district with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of Ouachita Parish -- 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**, following said election the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in its statutory capacity as the Governing Authority of the Communications District adopted Ordinance No. 8048 levying a service charge of 3% 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. 339109 to increase the authorized service charge for mobile telephones to \$1.25 per month (La. Acts 2016, No. 665); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita 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.

**NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** that pursuant to the authority of La. R.S. 33:9109 and in accordance with the provisions thereof, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in its capacity as the Governing Authority of the Communications District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, does hereby levy a service charge of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per month per wireless CMRS connection, said rate to become effective on January 1, 2020; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in its capacity as the Governing Authority of the Communications District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana,

does hereby supplement and amend Ordinance No. 8048 to provide that effective January 1, 2020, the service charge levied thereby on Residential telephone service shall be at a rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per month;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that notwithstanding the foregoing, the rate of the service charge for Business telephone service shall remain fixed at 3% of the tariff rate as set forth in Ordinance No. 8048.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: (5) Mr. Jack Clampit, District B; Mr. Walt Caldwell, District C;  
Dr. Ollibeth Reddix, District D; Mr. Shane Smiley, District E;  
and Mrs. Kay Katz, District F.

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Mr. Scotty Robinson, District A


The above ordinance was adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2019.

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### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 9318 adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2019, in which a quorum was present and voting and that the ordinance adopted is still in effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.

Signed at Monroe, Louisiana on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

  
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Bradley N. Cammack  
Treasurer

