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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0072

Local 911 Telephone Fee - Revision

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello

Hearing Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Time (Beginning): 10:05 AM
Time (Ending): 10:20 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 30

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Eric T. Costello, Robert Stokes, Sr., Danielle McCray, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton

Form with checkboxes for Bill Synopsis, Attendance sheet, Agency reports, Video recording, Certification, Evidence of notification, Final vote taken, Motioned by, Seconded by, Final Vote.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Hilary Ruley, Law Department
Art Ray, Baltimore City Information Technology
Niles Ford, Fire Department
Michelle Wirzberger, Police Department
Mara James, Finance Department
Tenea Reddick, City's 911 System

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**Major Issues Discussed**

1. Chairman Costello introduced committee members, talked about the purpose of the bill and went over the agency reports with agency representatives.
    - o The agency representative from the Department of Finance gave some background information pertaining to the bill, such as:
      - State law and/or changes for 911 fees
      - The increase will help cover cost for the city's 911 system; will also decrease burden on the general fund
      - Talked about several jurisdictions who already increased their fees
  2. Two committee members asked questions regarding how the fees are applied.
    - o Does this fee apply to mobile phones as well? **Answer: Yes**
    - o Will some of the revenue received be used for training as well? **Answer: Yes**
  3. The representative from the City's 911 System explained how the fees are applied. She also talked about how the revenue is used and/or what it can be used for.
  4. The hearing was called to recess. To reconvene at a later date for a voting session.
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**Further Study**

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe.

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**Committee Vote: Not Applicable**

**E. Costello:** .....  
**K. Burnett:** .....  
**R. Dorsey:**.....  
**D. McCray:**.....  
**S. Green Middleton:** .....  
**I. Schleifer:** .....  
**R. Stokes, Sr.:**.....

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: May 25, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject:</b> Council Bill – Local 911 Telephone Fee - Revision	<b>Bill #:</b> 21-0072
<b>Committee:</b> Ways and Means	<b>Chair:</b> Eric T. Costello
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<b>Location:</b> WebEx Meeting	

<b>PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY</b>			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*		
<b><u>CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY</u></b>			<b>Testify</b>	For	Against	Yes	No
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		<i>See hearing Notes</i>					

\*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

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City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Ways and Means

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Tuesday, May 25, 2021

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:  
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 173 011 0863, Password:  
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?  
MTID=ee3f3cf25133c3240a6e2b59ef41f791d](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee3f3cf25133c3240a6e2b59ef41f791d)

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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 6 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, and Robert Stokes Sr.  
**Absent** 1 - Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

21-0072

##### Local 911 Telephone Fee - Revision

For the purpose of revising the local 911 telephone fee; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)

Hearing called to recess; to reconvene at a later date for voting session.

#### ADJOURNMENT