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We ALL Rely on 9-1-1

Please Vote on August 3rd, 2021

The primary election takes place on, August 3rd, 2021. If you can't vote on August 3rd, please do so with an absentee ballot. Important proposals will be on the August primary voting ballot, with one of them being specific to 911 services provided to the residents and visitors in Mackinac County. A proposal to authorize the Mackinac County Commissioners to increase the current 911 Local Surcharge Fee on your monthly phone bill from \$1.48 up to \$2.50 per month.

911 funding facts:

- If passed, a new 911 local surcharge rate of up to \$2.50 per month (*\$0.08 cents per day / \$30.00 per year / increase of \$12.24 from current yearly total rate*) will go into effect for each device capable of calling 911 on July 1st, 2022. This is what funds approximately 60% of our current 911 services costs. Our current 911 local surcharge rate = \$1.48 per month.
- There will be NO change to the Michigan 911 \$0.25 technical surcharge funds which covers the other 40% of 911 services costs in Mackinac County. This funding is collected from all users in Michigan, then distributed by equal formula to all counties throughout Michigan. The Michigan \$0.25 911 technical surcharge rate is also set forth by State Statute legislation and will not be affected by this ballot proposal.
- Pre-Paid Cell Phones - a separate fee is collected at the point-of-sale which goes to the State of Michigan and then gets dispersed to Michigan counties based on their population size. The current rate is a 5% of the point of sale price per purchase. That pre-paid cellular rate is also set by State Statute legislation.
- 911 Surcharge Funds can only be used for 9-1-1 services per Michigan Law.
- Mackinac County 911 does not receive funding from the County's General Fund.

If passed, the additional funding will help pay for:

- To sustain funding for all 911 emergency services provided in Mackinac County.
- Maintain and upgrade as needed important public safety communications equipment and infrastructure systems.
- Maintain and support enhanced 911 services such as "Text-to-911", Smart 911 Service, and Mackinac County Emergency Alerting System (EAS) RAVE Alert Services.
- Provide efficient and the best possible dispatching of Emergency Services (Police/Fire/Medical) upon calling 9-1-1 in Mackinac County.