

# What to Know About Jackson County Question 1 for the November 2020 General Election Ballot

Fixes Jackson County's outdated 911 funding mechanism, which is supported entirely by a 7% landline surcharge.

Data shows that most 911 calls are made by **CELLPHONES**, but the system is wholly funded by **LANDLINE** users. This threatens emergency response with decreasing revenues.



Would impose a fee of up to \$1.00 on ANY device capable of contacting 911 (i.e. both landlines and cellphones). Fees will be included on telephone service bills, whether landline or cellphone.



This fee would **REPLACE** the current funding mechanism, not be in addition to it. Fee is based on each line, so if a household has multiple lines they will be assessed a fee of up to \$1.00 for each line every month.



Fees will be assessed based on the location/address associated with the cellphone account or landline within Jackson County.



The fee will be assessed on up to a **MAXIMUM** of 100 lines per location/address. If a business or organization has more than 100 lines, the fee will only be imposed on 100 lines.



Restricts the spending of the new fee revenues to the 911 system, so none of the funds can be spent for other purposes.



Broadens the funding base for 911 by including all users. Provides tax relief to landline users by decreasing their monthly fee from a 7% surcharge to a maximum of \$1.00 per line.



Creates a sustainable funding structure which will allow Jackson County to adequately and efficiently plan maintenance and upgrade costs. Would allow Jackson County to continue to make critical improvements and investments in the 911 system to keep up with changing mobile phone technology.



If Question #1 were to pass, and the Director of Revenue for the State of Missouri was notified promptly thereafter, the new fee would go into effect on April 1, 2021.