

§ 12-10-319. Emergency service charges--Reduction

(a)(1) If the proceeds generated by an emergency telephone service charge exceed the amount of moneys necessary to fund the 911 telephone system and 911 public safety communications center, including, without limitation, debt service on bonds issued under § 12-10-321, maintenance, operations, depreciation, and obsolescence, the governing authority shall, by ordinance, reduce the service charge rate to an amount necessary for adequate funding.

(2) In lieu of reducing the service charge rate, the governing authority of the political subdivision may suspend such service charge if the revenue generated therefrom exceeds the necessary funding level.

(b)(1) By ordinance, the governing authority of the political subdivision may reestablish or raise to a level not to exceed the original emergency telephone service charge rate, or lift the suspension thereof, if the amount of moneys generated is less than the amount necessary for adequate funding.

(2) Notwithstanding this section, the political subdivision may, in the ordinance referred to in § 12-10-321 or other ordinance, warrant that, so long as bonds issued pursuant to § 12-10-321 are outstanding, emergency telephone service charges shall be maintained at such levels as may be required by or pursuant to the ordinance authorizing such bonds.