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The New 227 Area Code Set to Arrive in Maryland on June 14, 2023
New area code overlay to be implemented in the 240/301 area code region

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Starting on **June 14, 2023**, customers in the Maryland 240/301 area code overlay region may be assigned a number in the new 227 area code when they request new service or an additional line, once the 240 and 301 area codes have been exhausted. As announced in September 2022, with new telephone numbers in high demand, the Maryland Public Service Commission approved the implementation of the new 227 area code to overlay the existing 240/301 area code region.

The 240/301/227 area code complex will serve all or portions of Aspen Hill, Bethesda, Bowie, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Hagerstown, Potomac, Silver Spring, Waldorf, Wheaton and other smaller communities. The 227 area code will co-exist everywhere in this region with the 240 and 301 area codes. Customers receiving a 227 area code will be required to dial the area code and phone number for all local calls, just as customers with telephone numbers from the 240 and 301 area codes do today. Because dialing 10 digits (3-digit area code + 7-digit telephone number) is already well established in this region, the eventual addition of the new 227 area code will not require any changes to the way telephone calls are dialed, aside from using the new area code when necessary.

Following are key facts about the 240/301/227 area code overlay:

- Telephone numbers, including the current area codes, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call.
- Customers will continue to dial 10 digits for local calls within and between the overlay area codes, and 1+10 digits for long distance calls.
- Customers can still dial just three digits to reach 911 and 988, as well as 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711, and 811 if those are currently available in your community.

Customers should ensure that all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment recognize the new 227 area code as a valid area code and should continue to store or program telephone numbers as 10-digit numbers.

For more information, please contact your local telephone service provider or visit the Maryland Public Service Commission's website at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/telecommunications/new-227-area-code-coming-to-maryland-june-2023/>

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