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Change in Prepaid Wireless Surcharge Rate

OCTOBER 3, 2022 (LINCOLN, NEB.) — The Nebraska Department of Revenue (DOR) announced that the Prepaid Wireless Surcharge rate for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, will increase from 5.4% to 5.5% on retail sales in Douglas County and 5.9% in the remaining 92 counties. These rates are determined by the DOR based on the calculation in <u>Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-903</u> and is a percentage of three surcharge rates established by the Nebraska Public Service Commission:

- The Enhanced Wireless 911 surcharge;
- · The Telecommunications Relay System surcharge; and
- The Telecommunications Universal Service Fund surcharge.

The surcharge applies to retail sales of prepaid wireless telecommunications services, including sales of prepaid mobile phones, prepaid phone cards, and the recharging of those prepaid phones and cards. The surcharge is used to assist Nebraska communities in providing emergency 911 services, a statewide system for specialized telecommunications equipment for qualified hearing-impaired persons, and grants to telecommunications service providers for expansion of broadband services.

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