Title 11—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Division 90—Missouri 911 Service Board
Chapter 1—Board Operations

EMERGENCY RULE

11 CSR 90-1.030 Code of Ethics

PURPOSE: The board is charged with assisting and advising the state in ensuring the availability, implementation and enhancement of a statewide emergency telephone number common to all jurisdictions. The board and its staff are held to the highest ethical and professional standards and must conduct all business in a manner which maintains the public trust. Therefore, the following Code of Ethics prescribes measures to prohibit practices that possess a potential of wrong-doing or the appearance of impropriety.

EMERGENCY RULE: This emergency rule informs the public of the standards the board must follow in discharging its duties regarding 911 services. This rule is necessary to comply with sections 650.325 to 650.335, RSMo and sections 190.400 to 190.460, RSMo which charge the board with taking immediate steps toward improving access to 911 emergency services to protect Missouri residents in emergency situations, particularly in underserved areas of the state. The board is required to set percentage rates of the prepaid wireless emergency telephone service charges deposited in the Missouri 911 service trust fund to reimburse 911 service authority for costs incurred to implement and operate Missouri 911 systems and for answering and dispatching emergency calls. The board also is required to establish and administer a grant and loan program to provide financing from the Missouri 911 service trust fund to costs of implementing 911 communications service projects. It is necessary to promulgate rules establishing the standards the board must follow in discharging its duties regarding 911 services. Without such rules, the board will be unable to effectively discharge its duties and protect Missouri residents by immediately taking steps that will improve access to 911 emergency services, particularly those in underserved areas of the state. As a result, the board finds a compelling governmental interest in promoting the health and safety of Missouri residents in emergency situations, requiring this emergency action. The scope of this emergency rule is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the Missouri and United States Constitutions. The board believes this emergency rule is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency rule was filed May 6, 2020, becomes effective May 21, 2020, and expires February 25, 2021.

(1) Standard of Compliance for Board and its Staff. Each member of the board and all board staff are directed to read and comply with this Code of Ethics and with Executive Order 92-04 dated January 31, 1992. For the purposes of this Code of Ethics, the term staff shall include the board’s executive director, staff, and state employees who provide day-to-day services to the board. The board shall be responsible for the enforcement of applicable statutes, the provisions of the Executive Order, and this rule by the suspension or discharge, other disciplinary action, or other action as the board deems appropriate.

(2) Compensation. No member or staff of the board shall solicit anything of value, nor shall any member or staff of the commission accept anything of value, in addition to that compensation received from the board or Missouri in their official capacity, intended to influence the member or staff’s official duties or in exchange for having exercised the member’s or staff’s official powers or performed the member’s or staff’s official duties in a particular manner. For the purposes of this rule, grant or payment of a thing of value to another person on behalf of the member or staff shall be considered grant or payment to the member or staff. Nothing in this rule shall preclude the acceptance of any award, presentation, honor or memorabilia presented to the member or staff of the board in recognition of his/her performance in his/her official capacity and not designed to influence any particular action taken by the member or staff of the board.

(3) Confidentiality. No information furnished to the board by a corporation, organization, or person that the board deems to be a closed record under Chapter 610, RSMo, shall be open to public inspection or made public except on order of the board.

(4) Confidential Information. No member or staff of the board shall use or disclose confidential information gained in the member’s or staff’s official position or activities to further the member’s or staff’s own financial or political interests or the financial or political interests of anyone else.

(5) Confidential Information. A former member or staff of the commission having information that s/he knows is confidential governmental information or knew was confidential governmental information at the time the member or staff acquired the information about a person or matter subject to the jurisdiction of the board while the member or staff was associated with the board, may not disclose such information without the consent of the board granted before such disclosure and after complete disclosure to the board of the information sought to be disclosed, all persons to whom the information is to be disclosed, and the reasons for such disclosure. Confidential information means information that has been obtained under governmental authority and which, at the time this rule is applied, the government or the board is prohibited by law from disclosing to the public or has a legal privilege not to disclose, and which is not otherwise available to the public.


PUBLIC COST: This emergency rule will cost state agencies or political subdivisions and other public entities less than five hundred dollars ($500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This emergency rule will cost private entities less than five hundred dollars ($500) in the aggregate.