

**RULES
OF
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD**

**CHAPTER 0780-06-04
BASE FUNDING INCREASE**

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0780-06-04-.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to set forth an application process and minimum requirements for emergency communications districts to apply for an increase in base funding in accordance with T.C.A. § 7-86-303(e)(2).

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 7-86-303 and 7-86-306. **Administrative History:** Original rules filed January 11, 2016; effective April 10, 2016.

0780-06-04-.02 DEFINITIONS.

- (1) Unless otherwise stated, as used in this chapter and each subsequent chapter of the Rules of the Emergency Communications Board:
 - (a) “Board” means the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board established by T.C.A. § 7-86-302;
 - (b) “ECD” or “district” means an emergency communications district created pursuant to T.C.A. § 7-86-104;
 - (c) “Eligible district” means an emergency communications district with a locally established emergency telephone service charge in effect as of July 1, 2011, less than the maximum allowable emergency telephone service charge then in effect.
 - (d) “Base amount” means the amount distributed to emergency communications districts by the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board in accordance with T.C.A. § 7-86-303(e).

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0780-06-04-.03 APPLICATION AND MINIMUM CRITERIA.

- (1) The board shall provide an application for eligible districts to request an increase in the base amount.
- (2) To receive an increase in the base amount, eligible districts must submit an application to the board no later than sixty days after the effective date of this rule.
- (3) Districts applying for an increase in the base amount must satisfy the following minimum criteria:

(Rule 0780-06-04-.03, continued)

- (a) A district must be eligible for an increase in the base amount as provided in T.C.A. § 7-86-303(e)(2).
- (b) A district must provide the board with the district's residential and business line counts for fiscal year 2012. If a district's line counts for fiscal year 2012 are unavailable, the district shall provide the board with a reasonable estimate of the district's residential and business line counts and shall provide the board with the basis used to determine the estimated line counts.

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0780-06-04-.04 APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

- (1) The board shall review applications at a regularly scheduled meeting and shall determine the following:
 - (a) Whether the district has satisfied the minimum criteria required to receive an increase in the base amount;
 - (b) Whether to approve or deny the application; and
 - (c) The amount of increase to the district's base amount.
- (2) The board shall not approve an application if the board determines it lacks sufficient funds.
- (3) The board shall not approve an application if the board determines the minimum criteria established by these rules have not been satisfied.
- (4) The board shall not increase the base amount of an eligible district in excess of the amount the district would have received under T.C.A. § 7-86-303(e) if the district had the maximum allowable emergency telephone service charge in effect as of July 1, 2011.
- (5) The board shall publish to its web site any increase in the base amount.

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