



As of Sept. 17, 2018, a new 640 area code will be issued locally and will overlay the existing 609 area codes in central and southeastern Jersey, including here in Monroe. The new code, approved by state regulators, allows for a continued supply of available telephone numbers within the region.

Starting Aug. 18, 2018, residents of Monroe may need to change the way they dial out, to include mandatory 10-digit dialing to numbers with a 609 or 640 area code.

What residents need to know:

- When calling from a 609 or 640 area code to another 609 or 640 area code, dial the area code and the seven-digit phone number (no 1 needed).
- When calling from 609 or 640 to any other area code (other than 609 or 604), dial 1, plus the area code and the seven-digit phone number.
- To be safe and where applicable, experts recommend adjusting programmed numbers prior to the August 18 start date. This may require adding a 1 and/or area code to various devices, such as: life safety equipment, stored phone numbers, alarm systems and fax machines.
- Existing phone numbers with a 609 area codes should remain 609 area codes and there will be no changes in dialing to emergency numbers like 9-1-1.

For questions, residents should contact their local phone service provider or log onto the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities website at: www.bpu.state.nj.us.