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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 16

Bill No. 69 -2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT providing that the ad valorem charge may be a source of funds for water and sewer capital projects; making certain technical corrections, and generally relating to the ad valorem charge.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2016. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2016.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2016 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2016 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2016

Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **Section 1. *Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard
2 County Code is amended as follows:

3 1. *By amending Subtitle 20 “Taxes, Charges and Fees”*
4 *Section 20.601 “Utility charges and assessments; purpose”.*
5 *Subsection (6)*

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7 2. *By amending Subtitle 20 “Taxes, Charges and Fees”*
8 *20.613 “Ad valorem charge”*
9 *Subsections (1) and (6).*

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11 **Title 20. Taxes, Charges and Fees.**

12 **Subtitle 6. Utility Charges and Assessments.**

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14 **Section 20.601. Utility charges and assessments; purpose.**

15 (6) *Ad Valorem Charge.* The ad valorem charge as authorized by this subtitle shall be a source
16 of revenue designated to cover the cost to Howard County of retiring bonds issued by the County
17 [[(or the former Metropolitan Commission)]] and of paying the interest thereon, [[and/or]] the
18 payment of salaries and other expenses of the Department of Public Works related to water and
19 sewerage [[systems]]SYSTEMS, AND/OR AS A FUNDING SOURCE FOR WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL
20 PROJECTS.

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22 **Section 20.613. Ad valorem charge.**

23 (1) *Purpose.* The ad valorem charge shall be a source of revenue designated to cover the
24 cost to Howard County of retiring bonds issued by the County[[, or the former Metropolitan
25 Commission,]] and of paying the interest [[thereon]]THEREON. THE CHARGE MAY ALSO BE
26 USED FOR [[and/or]] the payment of salaries and other expenses of the Department of Public
27 Works related to water and sewerage systems OR AS A FUNDING SOURCE FOR WATER AND
28 SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS, OR BOTH.

29 (6) *Special Account; Use of Receipts.* The Director of Finance shall credit all receipts from
30 the ad valorem charge to a special account to the credit of the metropolitan district. From
31 these receipts and from the amount in hand in the front-foot benefit assessment charge

1 account, [[he]] THE DIRECTOR shall first pay all interest and principal on metropolitan
2 district bonds as they become [[due,]] DUE. THE DIRECTOR MAY THEN PAY the salaries and
3 expenses of the Department of Public Works (related to water and sewer systems) OR THE
4 COSTS RELATED TO WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS, OR BOTH.[[, and]] THE DIRECTOR
5 shall then deposit the residue of the receipts in some bank to the credit of the metropolitan
6 district. The Director [[of Finance]] is authorized to pay the interest on any bonds that may
7 be issued out of the proceeds of the sale of such bonds, but not more than one-year's interest
8 may be so expended.

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10 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
11 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*