

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2012 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Resolution No. 81 -2012

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

A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2012.

Introduced and read first time May 7, 2012.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 21, 2012.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 31, 2012.

Certified By Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

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 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has adopted the Annual Budget and Appropriation
2 Ordinance and, having considered the amounts necessary to provide for emergency medical
3 treatment, fire suppression, prevention, and related functions, finds it necessary to levy a fire and
4 rescue tax in order to fund the County's operating and capital costs to provide fire and emergency
5 services; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, as a result of changes made in the method of assessing the value of real
8 property by Chapter 80 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000, the rate of the tax as
9 applied to operating personal and real property of a public utility is 2.5 times the rate of the tax
10 applied to real property; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, since 1992, the County has had two separate fire tax districts; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, on March 29, 2011, the County Council passed Council Bill 9-2012 that
15 eliminated the separate fire districts and created a single fire tax district.
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
18 Maryland, this 31ST day of MAY, 2012, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.102
19 of the Howard County Code, that a Howard County Fire and Rescue Tax is levied upon all
20 assessable property in the County beginning July 1, 2012 in the following amounts per \$100 of
21 assessed valuation:
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23 Fiscal Year 2013 rate per \$100 assessed value	17.6 cents
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25 Fiscal Year 2013 rate per \$100 assessed value for	44 cents
26 operating personal property and operating real property	
27 owned by public utilities	
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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fire and Rescue Tax rates shall become
2 effective July 1, 2012 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent action
3 of the County Council.

Amendment 1

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BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No. 7
Date: MAY 31, 2012

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment alters the fire tax rate.)

- 1 On page 1, in line 23, strike "17.6" and substitute "14.25".
- 2 Also on page 1, in line 25, strike "44" and substitute "35.625".
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