

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

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Resolution No. 65-2018

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

A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2018.

Introduced and read first time May 7, 2018.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 21, 2018.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council on May 31, 2018.

Certified By Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, 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**, Section 6-302 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of
8 Maryland requires that the property tax rate for personal property and operating real property of
9 a public utility, as assessed under Section 8-109(c) of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated
10 Code of Maryland, be set at no more than 2.5 times the rate for real property; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, from 1992 to 2012, the County had two separate fire tax districts; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, on March 29, 2012, 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, 2018, 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, 2018 in the following amounts per \$100 of
21 assessed valuation:

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| 23 Fiscal Year 2019 rate per \$100 assessed value | 17.6 cents |
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| 25 Fiscal Year 2019 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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29 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fire and Rescue Tax rates shall become
30 effective July 1, 2018 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent action
31 of the County Council.