

**County Council Of Howard County, Maryland**

2013 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

**Resolution No. 76 -2013**

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

A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2013.

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Introduced and read first time May 6, 2013.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 20, 2013.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 23, 2013.

Certified By Sheila M. Tolliver  
Sheila M. Tolliver, 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 9-2013 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2013, 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, 2013 in the following amounts per \$100 of  
21 assessed valuation:  
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23 Fiscal Year 2014 rate per \$100 assessed value	17.6 cents
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25 Fiscal Year 2014 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, 2013 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent action  
31 of the County Council.

Amendment 1 to Council Resolution No. 76-2013

BY: Greg Fox

Legislative Day No. 7

Date: May 23, 2013

Amendment No. 1

*(This amendment reduces the Fire Tax rates.)*

- 1 On page 1, in line 23, strike "17.6" and substitute "15.2".
- 2 Also on page 1, in line 25, strike "44" and substitute "38".

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_  
FAILED May 23, 2013  
SIGNATURE Chris Salame



Amendment 1 Amendment 1 to Council Resolution No. 76-2013

BY: Greg Fox

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*(This amendment adds an indication of intent.)*

- 1 On page 1, after line 2 insert: "The intent of this Amendment is to reduce the Fire Fund's fund
- 2 balance."

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_  
FAILED May 23, 2013  
SIGNATURE Shirley Johnson

