

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **6**

Resolution No. 86 -2019

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

A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2019.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2019.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2019.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council
on _____, 2019.

Certified By _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on _____, 2019

Calvin Ball, 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 **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 17.102 of the County Code provides for a fire and rescue tax on all
8 assessable property in the County; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, Section 6-302 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of
11 Maryland requires that the property tax rate for personal property and operating real property of
12 a public utility, as assessed under Section 8-109(c) of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated
13 Code of Maryland, be set at no more than 2.5 times the rate for real property; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, from 1992 to 2012, the County had two separate fire tax districts; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, on March 29, 2012, the County Council passed Council Bill 9-2012 that
18 eliminated the separate fire districts and created a single fire tax district; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, for Fiscal Year 2020, there is a proposed increase in the Fire and Rescue
21 Tax rate.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
24 Maryland, this ____ day of _____, 2019, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.102
25 of the Howard County Code, that a Howard County Fire and Rescue Tax is levied upon all
26 assessable property in the County beginning July 1, 2019 in the following amounts per \$100 of
27 assessed valuation:
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29 Fiscal Year 2020 rate per \$100 assessed value	[[17.6]]23.6 cents
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31 Fiscal Year 2020 rate per \$100 assessed value for	[[44]]59 cents
32 operating personal property and operating real property	

1 owned by public utilities

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3 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fire and Rescue Tax rates shall become
4 effective July 1, 2019 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent action
5 of the County Council.