County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session	Legislative Day No
Resolution No.	-2020
Introduced by: The Chairperson at the	request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates	beginning July 1, 2020.
Introduced and read first time May 4th, 2020.	By order Jane Official Jones, Administrator
Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 18	By order Lille Adleration Jemus Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted . Adopted with ar on May . , 2020.	nendments, Failed, Withdrawn, by the County Council
Approved by the County Executive on	Certified By Lowe Achurath Johns Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator 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; <u>Underlining</u> 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, by passage of Council Resolution No. 86-2019, the Fire and Rescue tax rate
21	was increased beginning in Fiscal Year 2020 and there are no changes proposed for Fiscal Year
22	2021.
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24	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
25	Maryland, this 27 day of May, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.102
26	of the Howard County Code, that a Howard County Fire and Rescue Tax is levied upon all
27	assessable property in the County beginning July 1, 2020 in the following amounts per \$100 of
28	assessed valuation:
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30	Fiscal Year 2021rate per \$100 assessed value 23.6 cents

Fiscal Year 2021 rate per \$100 assessed value for 59 cents operating personal property and operating real property owned by public utilities

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire and Rescue Tax rates shall become effective July 1, 2020 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent action of the County Council.

Sayers, Margery

From:

Paul H <myoldsmoky@yahoo.com>

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Thursday, May 14, 2020 4:18 PM

To:

CouncilMail

Subject:

Please vote NO to higher taxes

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Dear county council members,

I just learned that besides recordation tax increase bill, there are a few more proposals that intend to increase tax rates for Howard county residents. I'm surprised that the thoughts of increasing taxes during the pandemic crisis and this is definitely not something with our tax payers in mind. I urge you to vote NO on this bills, especially CR81-2020, CR85-2020, CR85-2020. This will put more burdens on the citizens of Howard county and place our county in a disadvantage position in the region. Thank you very much.

Paul Huang

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