

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2023 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

## Resolution No. 85 -2023

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

A RESOLUTION levying a fire and rescue tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and setting the tax rate for the fire and rescue tax.

Introduced and read first time May 1, 2023.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 15, 2023.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 24, 2023.

Certified By Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on June 1, 2023

Calvin Ball  
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**, the Fire and Rescue Tax was last set by the adoption of Council Resolution  
16 No. 76-2022 and there are no changes proposed for Fiscal Year 2024.

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18           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
19 Maryland, this 24 day of May, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.102  
20 of the Howard County Code, that a Howard County Fire and Rescue Tax is levied upon all  
21 assessable property in the County beginning July 1, 2023 in the following amounts per \$100 of  
22 assessed valuation:

- 23           • Fiscal Year 2024 rate per \$100 assessed value    23.6 cents
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- 25           • Fiscal Year 2024 rate per \$100 assessed value for    59 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, 2023 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent action  
31 of the County Council.

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on June 1, 2023.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council