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## County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

### Bill No. 33 -2015

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

AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2017 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; ratifying certain previously approved provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2015. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Allan H. Kittleman, 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 International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local  
2 2000 (“Local 2000”) and the County reached agreement through a Memorandum of  
3 Agreement (the “Agreement”) that is effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, the  
6 County Executive is required to submit to the County Council for its approval all provisions  
7 in collective bargaining agreements that are in conflict with Title 1 “Human Resources” of  
8 the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual (the “conflicting provisions”); and  
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10           **WHEREAS**, by passage of Council Bill No. 46-2014, the County Council approved  
11 the Agreement’s conflicting provisions; and  
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13           **WHEREAS**, the Agreement includes the amount of compensation to be paid to  
14 members of Local 2000 in future fiscal years; and  
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16           **WHEREAS**, Council Bill No. 46-2014 also approved the Agreement as a multi-year  
17 obligation under Section 612 of the Howard County Charter; and  
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19           **WHEREAS**, the Agreement includes a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) that  
20 goes into effect on January 1, 2016; and  
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22           **WHEREAS**, the parties have now entered into an “Amendment to Memorandum of  
23 Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and the International Association of  
24 Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000” (the “Amendment”) in substantially the form  
25 attached as Exhibit 1; and  
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27           **WHEREAS**, the Amendment delays the already agreed upon COLA to June 30, 2016  
28 (the last pay period in FY 16) and extends the Agreement to June 30, 2017; and  
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1           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, the  
2 Amendment does not add any additional conflicting provisions to those attached to Council  
3 Bill No. 46-2014; and

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5           **WHEREAS**, because the Amendment extends the term of the Agreement, the  
6 Amendment requires the payment by the County of funds from an appropriation in a later  
7 fiscal year and therefore is subject to the multi-year provisions of Section 612 of the Howard  
8 County Charter that requires Council approval of the Agreement.

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10           **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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12       ***Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that in  
13 accordance with Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, it approves the terms of the  
14 Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and the  
15 International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000, which shall be in  
16 substantially the same form as Exhibit 1 attached to this Act.*

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18       ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland  
19 that the County Council hereby endorses and ratifies the County Executive's signature and  
20 execution of the Amendment, which shall be in substantially the same form as Exhibit 1  
21 attached to this Act, for such term in the name of and on behalf of the County.*

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23       ***Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland  
24 that, in regard to the Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement between Howard County,  
25 Maryland and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000, the  
26 County Council ratifies its approval of the Conflicting Provisions, attached to Council Bill  
27 No. 46-2014 as Exhibit 2, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human  
28 Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual.*

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30       ***Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland  
31 that the provisions of this act shall apply beginning with the first pay date after July 1, 2015.*

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2 ***Section 5. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland  
3 *that if there is a conflict between the Amendment attached to this Act and the Howard County*  
4 *Pay Plan, the provisions contained in the Amendment shall control.*

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6 ***Section 6. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland  
7 *that, in accordance with Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, Section 1 and Section 2*  
8 *of this Act shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.*

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10 ***Section 7. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland  
11 *that, subject to Section 6, this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

**AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**AND**

**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, HOWARD COUNTY  
LOCAL 2000**

**Whereas**, Howard County, Maryland and Howard County Local 2000, The International Association of Firefighters (Local 2000) entered into a collective bargaining agreement (Agreement) effective July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2016;

**Whereas** Section 8.1 of the Agreement provides for 4% cost-of-living (COLA) pay increases effective January 1, 2015 and January 1, 2016;

**Whereas**, in light of the County's current fiscal position, the County Administration sought to reduce expenditures in a number of areas, including wages, and engaged Union leadership in negotiations regarding same;

**Whereas**, as a result of those discussions, the parties agreed that: a) the January 1, 2016 COLA of 4% will be delayed until June 30, 2016 (*i.e.*, the last pay period in FY 16 will reflect the 4% COLA); b) the term of the Agreement will be extended by one (1) additional year, until June 30, 2017; c) the County will provide a COLA of 2% beginning with the last pay period in FY 17; and d) the County agrees not to furlough or layoff any employee covered by the Agreement through FY17; and

**Whereas**, Local 2000 submitted the proposed changes enumerated above to its membership for vote the week of April 13-24, 2015 and the changes were duly ratified by the membership in accordance with the union's required procedures;

**Now, therefore**, the following sections of the Agreement are amended as indicated:

1. Strike Sections 8.1 "(g)(f)" [*sic*] and replace with the following:
  - (f) Effective June 30, 2016, each member shall receive a 4% cost-of-living adjustment, and effective with the last pay period in FY17, each member shall receive a 2% cost-of-living adjustment.
2. In Article 34 strike paragraph (a) in its entirety and replace with the following:
  - (a) This agreement shall become effective as of July 1, 2014, 7:00 AM and remain in full force and effect until July 1, 2017, 6:59 AM.
3. In Article 7, add the following before the first sentence in paragraph (a) of Article 7:

During FY15, FY16, and FY17, no bargaining unit member shall be subject to layoff or furlough. For subsequent years the following provisions will control unless amended by future contract:

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement not enumerated above shall remain in full force and effect.

These Amendments shall be effective upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the County Council, pursuant to proposed legislation submitted by the Administration to the Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Agreement, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

**HOWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND:**

**LOCAL 2000  
BARGAINING TEAM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
Allan H. Kittleman

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PRESIDENT  
Richard L. Ruehl

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
Lonnie R. Robbins

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COUNTY SOLICITOR  
Gary W. Kuc

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CHIEF OF FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES  
John S. Butler