County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

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Resolution No. 24-2015

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

A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2015.

| Introduced and read first time <u>May</u> , 2015. | By order <u>Jessica Feldmark</u> , Administrator |
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| Read for a second time at a public hearing on $Main 18$ | , 2015. |
| | By order Jessica Feldmark, Administrator |
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| This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted Adopted with | amendments, Failed, Withdrawn, by the County Council |
| on May 22, 2015. | |
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| | Jessica Feldmark, 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 rescue tax in order to fund the County's operating and capital costs to provide fire and emergency 4 5 services; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Section 6-302 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of 8 Maryland requires that the property tax rate for personal property and operating real property of 9 a public utility, as assessed under Section 8-109(c) of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated 10 Code of Maryland, be set at 2.5 times the rate for real property; and 11 12 WHEREAS, from 1992 to 2012, the County had two separate fire tax districts; and 13 14 WHEREAS, on March 29, 2012, the County Council passed Council Bill 9-2012 that 15 eliminated the separate fire districts and created a single fire tax district. 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, 17 Maryland, this 22^{n} day of May, 2015, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.102 18 of the Howard County Code, that a Howard County Fire and Rescue Tax is levied upon all 19 assessable property in the County beginning July 1, 2015 in the following amounts per \$100 of 20 21 assessed valuation: 22 23 Fiscal Year 2016 rate per \$100 assessed value 17.6 cents 24 25 Fiscal Year 2016 rate per \$100 assessed value for 44 cents 26 operating personal property and operating real property 27 owned by public utilities 28 29 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire and Rescue Tax rates shall become 30 effective July 1, 2015 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent action 31 of the County Council.

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