



# Howard County Council

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Minutes (approved)  
Legislative Work Session  
March 26, 2012

The work session was called to order by Chairperson Sigaty at 4:34 pm in the Banneker Room, George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City.

Members present: Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa and Courtney Watson.

Council Bill No. 9-2012 - Repealing the requirement that the County fire and rescue tax be based on separate districts; removing certain obsolete language; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act; providing that this Act may be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be construed to apply to certain matters arising before a certain date; and generally relating to the County fire and rescue tax.

Chief Goddard distributed written testimony in response to the inquiries from the public hearing on March 19, 2012 and discussed the bill with the members. The topics included the timing and process of the legislation; use of surplus in prior years; level of service in the metro and rural areas; staffing and funding of career and volunteers; firefighting and EMS ratio; and homeowners insurance.

The work session adjourned at 5:15 pm.