

April 14, 2009

ACTION

MEMORANDUM

April 10, 2009

TO: County Council
FROM: Justina J. Ferber, Legislative Analyst
SUBJECT: Reappointment of Inspector General

The term of Inspector General Thomas J. Dagley expires June 30, 2009. Mr. Dagley has served one full and one partial term as Inspector General and is eligible for an additional full term.

BACKGROUND

In 1997 the Council enacted legislation establishing the Office of Inspector General. The goals of the Inspector General are to: review the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations of County government and independent County agencies; prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in government activities; and propose ways to increase the legal, fiscal, and ethical accountability of County government departments and County-funded agencies. In developing recommendations, the Inspector General may: (1) conduct investigations, budgetary analyses, and financial, management, or performance audits and similar reviews; and (2) seek assistance from any government agency or private party or undertake any project jointly with any government agency or private body.

The Inspector General directs the activities of the Office of Inspector General (OIG), subject to a work plan for the 4-year term which the Inspector General must adopt within 6 months after being appointed. The Inspector General must submit by October 1 of each year an annual report to the Council and the Executive on the activities of the Office and its major findings and recommendations during the previous fiscal year.

COUNCIL ACTION

Attached for the Council's consideration is a draft resolution reappointing Thomas J. Dagley as Inspector General of Montgomery County for the term of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013.

Attachment: Draft Resolution ©1

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

Subject: Appointment of Inspector General

Background

1. Section 2-151 of the County Code establishes the Office of Inspector General to:
 - a) review the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations of County government and independent County agencies;
 - b) prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in government activities; and
 - c) propose ways to increase the legal, fiscal, and ethical accountability of County government departments and County-funded agencies.
2. Section 2-151 specifies that the Inspector General is appointed for a term of four years and must be professionally qualified, by experience or education, in auditing, government operations, or financial management, and must be selected solely on the basis of professional ability and personal integrity, without regard to political affiliation.
3. Resolution 15-961, adopted April 19, 2005, appointed Thomas J. Dagley as Inspector General for a four-year term through June 30, 2009.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

Thomas J. Dagley is appointed to the position of Inspector General, in County pay grade 40, effective July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2013.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council