Resolution No.: 15-1721
Introduced: October 17, 2006
Adopted: November 28, 2006

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #07-151 to the FY07 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Fire and Rescue Service
Division of Community Risk Reduction / Fire Code Enforcement - Fire Safety Code: Fee Schedule for Inspections, Permits, Licenses, Certificates and Exceptions, $2,582,630

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.

2. The County Executive recommends the following FY07 Operating Budget appropriation increase for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Capital Outlay	Total	Source of Funds
$1,066,310	$1,173,120	$343,200	$2,582,630	Consolidated Fire Tax District

3. This increase is needed to enable the Fire Code Enforcement Section to meet its mandates to inspect all new and existing building fire protection systems to ensure operability. This appropriation will cover phase one of a planned three-year increase in the fire code enforcement program and will fund staff, office space, vehicles, field equipment, office supplies and equipment, and software. Fee schedule changes are projected to generate revenues of $2,221,510 during FY07 to support this recommendation. The program will be phased in over three years and is expected to be self-supporting when fully implemented in FY10.

4. The County Executive recommends a special appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget in the amount of $2,582,630 for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service for the Fire Code Enforcement section and specifies the source of funds as Consolidated Fire Tax District.

5. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held on October 24, 2006.

Action

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

A special appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is approved as follows:

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Capital Outlay	Total	Source of Funds
$1,066,310	$1,173,120	$343,200	$2,582,630	Consolidated Fire Tax District (CFTD): $2,221,510 from Fire Safety Code Fees; $361,120 from CFTD unreserved fund balance

This special appropriation is necessary to act without delay in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council