

Resolution No. 16-553
Introduced: April 15, 2008
Adopted: May 14, 2008

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmember Floreen

SUBJECT: Fuel/energy tax – rates – carbon surtax

Background

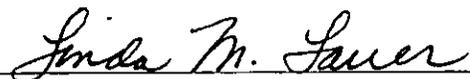
1. Section 52-14 of the County Code levies a tax on persons transmitting, distributing, manufacturing, producing, or supplying electricity, gas, steam, coal, fuel oil, or liquefied petroleum gas in the County.
2. Section 52-14 also provides that the County Council may amend the fuel/energy tax rates by resolution, after a public hearing advertised as required by Section 52-17. A public hearing was held on this resolution on May 6, 2008.
3. The Council finds that it is fair and equitable to continue different rates for fuels and energy transmitted, distributed, manufactured, produced, or supplied for residential and agricultural purposes and for non-residential purposes.
4. The Council also finds that basing the rates of this tax for each energy source generally on the relative contribution of that source to the production of carbon dioxide and other “greenhouse gases” would better reflect the environmental impact of using each energy source and to some degree encourage the public to distinguish among energy sources on this basis.

Action

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

1. On and after July 1, 2008, the fuel/energy tax rates levied under Section 52-14 of the County Code must include a carbon surtax as shown on Schedule A, attached to this resolution.
2. This Resolution supersedes Resolution 15-1005.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Attachment
SCHEDULE A (starting in FY2009)

Resolution No:

Electricity, oil, steam	+10.0%
Gas	+5.0%
Coal	+20.0%

(a) For fuel-energy transmitted, distributed, manufactured, produced, or supplied for residential and agricultural purposes:

FUEL-ENERGY	TAX RATE
Electricity (per kilowatt hr)	\$0.0052237964
Gas (per therm)	\$0.0449864339
Steam (per therm)	\$0.0589258692
Coal (per ton)	\$13.3429464000
Fuel oil (per gallon)	
No. 1	\$0.0644689980
No. 2	\$0.0668790540
No. 3	\$0.0668790540
No. 4	\$0.0684455904
No. 5	\$0.0697711212
No. 6	\$0.0713376576
Liquefied petroleum gas (per pound)	\$0.0097196463

(b) For fuel-energy transmitted, distributed, manufactured, produced, or supplied for non-residential purposes:

Electricity (per kilowatt hr)	\$0.0138432612
Gas (per therm)	\$0.1192142417
Steam (per therm)	\$0.1561535534
Coal (per ton)	\$35.3566170000
Fuel oil (per gallon)	
No. 1	\$0.1708428447
No. 2	\$0.1772294931
No. 3	\$0.1772294931
No. 4	\$0.1813808146
No. 5	\$0.1848934712
No. 6	\$0.1890447926
Liquefied petroleum gas (per pound)	\$0.0257570627