

Resolution No.: 16-1010  
 Introduced: June 9, 2009  
 Adopted: June 23, 2009

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
 FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Appropriation #09-266 to the FY09 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Snow Removal/Wind and Rain Storm Cleanup  
Department of Transportation - \$6,645,090  
Department of General Services - \$2,611,450

**Background**

- Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
- The County Executive has requested the following FY09 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services:

	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
Department of Transportation	\$1,412,370	\$5,232,720	\$0	\$6,645,090	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
Department of General Services	\$128,590	\$2,482,860	\$0	\$2,611,450	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

3. This increase is needed because expenditures for snow removal and wind and rain storm cleanup exceed the FY09 appropriation by \$6,645,090 in the Department of Transportation and \$2,611,450 in the Department of General Services. As in previous years, due to the unpredictability of snow events, as a matter of practice, only a minimal amount is budgeted for snow removal operations. After review of actual expenses related to staff overtime, contractual services, and materials usage, a supplemental appropriation is requested.
  - a. During the winter of 2008-2009, Montgomery County experienced 21 snow/ice events with total accumulation of approximately 14 inches. While some of the events did not result in plowing, both County and contractual personnel were required to report and/or be on standby and equipment was ready and made available based on weather forecasts. The total cost associated with snow removal operations was \$10,636,301, of which \$2,939,370 was budgeted.
  - b. Wind and rain storm cleanup expenditures to date are \$1,548,864, of which \$589,260 was budgeted.
  - c. In addition, this supplemental appropriation provides \$600,000 for clean-up that the Departments of Transportation and General Services anticipate incurring in April, May, and June of 2009.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY09 Operating Budget in the amount of \$6,645,090 for the Department of Transportation and \$2,611,450 for the Department of General Services for snow removal and wind and rain storm cleanup and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY09 Operating Budget of the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council