

Resolution No.: 15-1298  
Introduced: December 13, 2005  
Adopted: January 31, 2006

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation #06-67 to the FY06 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Interim Fire Station in Clarksburg

**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 FY06 Operating Budget appropriation increases:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,940,260	\$ 0	\$1,940,260	Consolidated Fire Tax District

3. This increase is needed because of the following factors:

- a. The population of Clarksburg has increased from 2,000 to approximately 5,500 over the past five years and is projected to increase to over 40,000 in the next 20 years. In addition, ongoing construction and associated safety-related concerns will continue to pose public safety challenges as build-out of the community continues.
- b. Fire and rescue service is currently provided to Clarksburg from Hyattstown Station 9 and Germantown Station 29, and other more distant fire stations. Because these stations are outside of Clarksburg, and units from these stations are not always available to respond to Clarksburg, it may not be possible to meet response time goals for Clarksburg, especially as call loads in Clarksburg and other areas continue to increase.

- c. The MCFRS’s approved *Fire, Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, and Community Risk Reduction Master Plan* recommends the establishment of an interim fire station in Clarksburg housing an engine and an EMS unit to address the need for timely response to Clarksburg if the completion of the new station cannot be accelerated to FY08. A new Clarksburg Fire Station is included in the Approved Capital Improvements Program (CIP), with the permanent station currently scheduled to open in FY10.
  - d. Originally, the interim station was to be established at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF), with an intermediate move to the MNCPPC Little Bennett maintenance yard, before moving to the new permanent facility. However, it was determined that a more efficient and operationally effective way to provide quarters for the interim fire station was to lease space in an office/warehouse park located on Gateway Center Drive. On July 18, 2005, the County Council approved funding to provide staffing and equipment for an interim fire station in Clarksburg for a period of 10 months in FY06, with the understanding that additional funding would be needed for build-out of the interim facility.
4. The County Executive recommends a special appropriation to the FY06 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,940,260 for the Interim Fire Station in Clarksburg and specifies the source of funds as the Consolidated Fire Tax District. This special appropriation is consistent with the tax supported fund balance policy and there are adequate resources in the Consolidated Fire Tax District for the appropriation.
  5. The County Council declares this request is in the public interest to be acted upon without delay as provided for under special appropriation requirements described in Section 308 of the County Charter.

**Action**

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

A special appropriation to the FY06 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council