

Bill No. 1-09
Concerning: Finance – Spending
Disclosure
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council Vice-President Berliner, Council President Andrews, Councilmembers Elrich,
Trachtenberg, and Ervin

AN ACT to:

- (1) require the County to develop and operate a website that includes information on certain County payments to contractors and grantees;
- (2) providing guidelines for public access to the information on the website; and
- (3) generally amend the County law governing public access to information about County payments.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 20, Department of Finance
Section 20-42A

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

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

1 **Sec. 1. Section 20-42A is added as follows:**

2 **20-42A. Spending Disclosure.**

3 (a) Definitions. In this Section, the following words have the meaning
4 indicated:

5 Payee means any person who receives an aggregate payment of \$25,000
6 or more from the County in any fiscal year, except:

7 (1) a County employee with respect to salary or benefits; and

8 (2) a County retiree with respect to a County retirement pension.

9 Payment includes any County funds transferred to a contractor, grantee,
10 or loan recipient.

11 Searchable website means a series of web pages on the World Wide
12 Web that displays County payment data in a searchable form.

13 (b) The Chief Administrative Officer must develop and operate a
14 searchable website accessible to the public at no cost that includes the:

15 (1) name of each payee;

16 (2) location of each payee by postal zip code;

17 (3) amount of [[each payment]] total payments for each fiscal year;
18 and

19 (4) name of the County department or office making the payment.

20 (c) The searchable website must permit the user to search data for each
21 fiscal year by the following fields:

22 (1) payee;

23 (2) department or office making the payment; and

24 (3) postal zip code of a payee.

25 (d) This Section does not require the disclosure of any information that is
26 confidential under State or Federal law.

27 **Sec. 2. Effective Date.**

