

#15 - Aggregate Operating Budget – Requires 6 affirmative votes

Resolution No.:	<u>18-155</u>
Introduced:	<u>May 21, 2015</u>
Adopted:	<u>May 21, 2015</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of the FY 2016 Aggregate Operating Budget.

**Background**

1. Section 305 of the County Charter requires the affirmative vote of 7 Councilmembers to approve the aggregate operating budget if that budget exceeds the adopted spending affordability guidelines then in effect. Section 305 excludes from the aggregate operating budget:
  - Specific grants;
  - Enterprise Funds;
  - Tuition and tuition-related charges at Montgomery College;
  - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.
2. Section 20-60 of the County Code requires the Council to set spending affordability guidelines by resolution no later than the second Tuesday in February. The guidelines must specify a ceiling on the aggregate operating budget for FY 2016.
3. Section 305 of the Charter requires that at least 6 Councilmembers must approve the aggregate operating budget if that budget exceeds the budget for the preceding year by more than the rate of inflation, as measured by the annual average increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers in the Washington-Baltimore Metropolitan area for the 12-month period preceding December 1, which was 1.65% percent for the 12-month period preceding December 1, 2014.
4. On May 22, 2014, in Resolution 17-1116, the Council approved the FY 2015 aggregate operating budget in the amount of \$4,353,574,409. If that aggregate operating budget increased at the 1.65% percent rate of inflation for the 12-month period preceding December 1, 2014, it would be \$4,425,408,387.

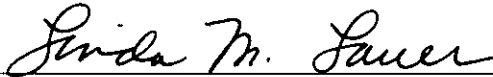
5. In Resolution No. 18-59, adopted February 10, 2015, the Council adopted the following spending affordability guideline for the FY 2015 aggregate operating budget.
  - FY 2016 ceiling on the aggregate operating budget \$4,453,919,634

**Action**

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

The Council approves the FY 2016 aggregate operating budget in the amount of \$4,432,104,671, as calculated on the attached page. Because the FY 2016 aggregate operating budget exceeds the FY 2015 aggregate operating budget as increased for inflation of \$4,425,408,387, 6 affirmative votes are required to adopt this resolution.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

The FY 2016 aggregate operating budget excludes enterprise funds, specific grants, and tuition and tuition-related charges at the College and it is calculated as follows.

<b>Fund or District</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>
General Fund	1,133,242,438
Fire District	222,299,388
Economic Development Fund	1,853,591
Mass Transit	121,491,890
Recreation District	32,339,234
Urban District	8,877,052
Montgomery County Public Schools	2,176,525,543
Montgomery College	252,218,195
Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission:	
Administration Fund	29,873,597
Park Fund	87,499,802
Debt Service on County Bonds and Leases	348,782,725
Debt Service on Park Bonds	5,225,245
Current Revenue for the Capital Budget	57,668,000
Current Revenue for PAYGO	34,000,000
Total Appropriations	4,511,896,700
Less College Tuition and Tuition-Related Charges	(79,792,029)
<b>FY 2016 AGGREGATE OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>4,432,104,671</b>
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	
Montgomery County Public Schools	2,176,525,543
Montgomery College Total	252,218,195
County Government	1,413,422,533
Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission	115,583,985
Retiree Health Insurance Pre-Funding	108,470,474
Debt Service on County Bonds and Park Bonds	354,007,970
Current Revenue and PAYGO for Capital Budget	91,668,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	4,511,896,700
Less College Tuition and Tuition-Related Charges	(79,792,029)
<b>FY 2016 AGGREGATE OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>4,432,104,671</b>
Aggregate Operating Budget for FY 2015	4,353,574,409
\$ increase	78,530,262
% change	1.80%
Inflation in prior calendar year	1.65%
FY2015 Aggregate Operating Budget + inflation	4,425,408,387