




OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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MEMORANDUM

May 5, 2025

TO: Kate Stewart, President  
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Recommended FY26 Operating Budget

Today, I am transmitting further revisions to my FY26 Recommended Operating Budget needed to implement Bill 6-25, Consumer Protection – Defective Tenancies as Deceptive Trade Practices.

This proposed amendment provides \$83,726 for an additional administrative position (Administrative Specialist I, Grade 18) to support the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) in processing the expected increased volume of consumer complaints, as noted in the bill's Fiscal Impact Statement. This bill expands OCP's authority to investigate and enforce consumer protection laws in landlord-tenant matters and cannot be absorbed by existing personnel.

Department staff will be happy to answer any of your questions as you consider this amendment and as we work together to finalize the FY26 Operating Budget.

Enclosure: Detail on Recommended FY26 CE Amendments Report

cc: Cecily Thorne, Chief of Staff to the Council President  
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Detail on Recommended FY26 CE Amendments

Tax Supported	
<u>EXPENDITURE AMENDMENTS</u>	
Consumer Protection	
Add: New Administrative Specialist I to Implement Bill 6-25	83,726
Total Tax Supported Expenditures	83,726