

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Council

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SUBJECT: **Introduction:** Bill 11-09, Fire and Rescue Commission – Compensation

Bill 11-09, Fire and Rescue Commission – Compensation, sponsored by Council President Andrews, Council Vice-President Berliner, and Councilmembers Trachtenberg and Floreen, is scheduled to be introduced on March 24, 2009.

Bill 11-09 would abolish the compensation of members of the Fire and Rescue Commission and limit their expense reimbursement to reasonable expenses for travel and dependent care, as with other County boards and commissions.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for April 21 at 1:30 p.m.

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Bill No. 11-09
Concerning: Fire and Rescue
Commission - Compensation
Revised: 3-20-09 Draft No. 1
Introduced: March 24, 2009
Expires: September 24, 2010
Enacted: _____
Executive: _____
Effective: _____
Sunset Date: None
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

AN ACT to:

- (1) abolish compensation for members of the Fire and Rescue Commission; and
- (2) generally amend the law regarding the Fire and Rescue Commission.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 21, Fire and Rescue Services
Section 21-2

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:

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 11-09

Fire and Rescue Commission – Compensation

DESCRIPTION: Bill 38-08 would abolish the compensation of members of the Fire and Rescue Commission.

PROBLEM: The Commission was created in 1979 to provide better coordination to a decentralized Fire and Rescue Service. Since the 2004 reorganization of the Service and creation of a countywide Fire Chief, the Commission's responsibilities and time spent on Commission business have diminished. County resources continue to be spent on this mostly advisory body.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: To abolish compensation for Fire and Rescue Commissioners, allowing resources to be used on other programs.

COORDINATION: Fire Chief, OMB

FISCAL IMPACT: Preliminary estimates indicate that about \$100,000 could be spent in FY09 for compensation of Commissioners.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: Minimal

EVALUATION: To be researched

EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE: To be researched

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APPLICATION WITHIN

MUNICIPALITIES: Only applies to County Fire and Rescue Commission

PENALTIES: Not applicable