

#15 - Aggregate Operating Budget – Does not require 6 or 7 affirmative votes

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: May 21, 2009
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Approval of the FY10 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 FY10.

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 4.5 percent for the 12-month period preceding December 1, 2008.

4. On May 22, 2008, in Resolution 16-582, the Council approved the FY09 aggregate operating budget in the amount of \$3,772.0 million. If that aggregate operating budget increased at the 4.5% rate of inflation for the 12-month period preceding December 1, 2008, it would be \$3,941.7 million.

5. In Resolution No. 16-845, adopted February 10, 2009, the Council adopted the following spending affordability guideline for the FY 2010 aggregate operating budget:

- the ceiling on the aggregate operating budget \$3,948.5 million

Action

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

The Council approves the FY10 aggregate operating budget in the amount of \$3,808.9 million, as calculated on the attached page. Because the FY 2010 aggregate operating budget does not exceed the spending affordability guideline ceiling of \$3,948.5 million, 7 affirmative votes are not required to adopt this resolution. Because the FY 2010 aggregate operating budget does not exceed the FY 2009 aggregate operating budget as increased for inflation, of \$3,941.7 million, 6 affirmative votes are not required to adopt this resolution.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

The FY 2010 aggregate operating budget excludes enterprise funds, specific grants, and tuition and tuition-related charges at the College, and it is calculated as follows.

Fund or District	Appropriation
General Fund	\$ 910,428,020
Fire District	192,974,090
Economic Development Fund	852,440
Mass Transit	108,457,800
Recreation District	30,528,520
Urban Districts	7,932,220
MCPS	2,020,078,263
Montgomery College	217,549,063
MNCPPC:	
Administration Fund	27,627,000
Park Fund	79,019,100
Debt service on County bonds	246,500,690
Debt service on Park bonds	4,954,000
Current revenue for the Capital Budget	30,744,000
Current Revenue for PAYGO	1,316,000
Total Appropriations	3,878,961,206
Less College Tuition and Tuition-Related Charges	(70,084,943)
AGGREGATE OPERATING BUDGET	3,808,876,263
SUMMARY:	
MCPS	2,020,078,263
College, Total	217,549,063
Less College Tuition & Tuition-Related Charges	(70,084,943)
College, Net	147,464,120
County Government	1,251,173,090
MNCPPC	106,646,100
Debt service on County bonds and Park bonds	251,454,690
Total Current Revenue for Capital Budget	32,060,000
Total Appropriations	3,878,961,206
Less College Tuition and Tuition-Related Charges	(70,084,943)
AGGREGATE OPERATING BUDGET	3,808,876,263
Aggregate operating budget, prior year	3,772,000,014
\$ increase	36,876,249
% increase	1.0%