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

20-42A. Spending Disclosure.

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

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

(1) a County employee with respect to salary or benefits; and
(2) a County retiree with respect to a County retirement pension.

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

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

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

(1) name of each payee;
(2) location of each payee by postal zip code;
(3) amount of [each payment] total payments for each fiscal year; and
(4) name of the County department or office making the payment.

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

(1) payee;
(2) department or office making the payment; and
(3) postal zip code of a payee.

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

Sec. 2. Effective Date.
This Act takes effect on [[July 1, 2009]] September 1, 2010 and applies to payments made in or after Fiscal Year [[2010]] 2011.

Approved:

Philip M. Andrews, President, County Council
February 26, 2009

Date

Approved:

Isiah Leggett, County Executive
March 5, 2009

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council
March 9, 2009

Date