

Resolution No: 15-1406  
Introduced: April 4, 2006  
Adopted: April 18, 2006

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Public Safety Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the FY 2006 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Office of the State's Attorney  
Juvenile Prosecution Division; \$27,160 (Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves)

**Background**

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. The Council's Public Safety Committee held a worksession on March 30, 2006 to review supplemental appropriations for the Circuit Court and the Office of the Sheriff that are needed to cover the increased cost and workload that is a result of a new Judge's position being appointed to the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court. This Judge began hearing cases in January 2006. The Committee agreed there are additional costs for the Court and Sheriff and also agreed that there is the need for additional staff in the State's Attorney's Office now that the capacity of the Juvenile Division to hear cases has increased by one-third.
3. The Public Safety Committee recommends the addition of one Assistant State's Attorney and one Legal Assistant for the Juvenile Prosecution Division. The FY 2006 cost is \$21,700. The County Executive's FY2007 Recommended Operating Budget funds these positions as of January 2007. The Public Safety Committee recognizes that approval of this special appropriation means that these positions must also be funded for the first half of FY2007. The additional FY2007 cost is estimated to be about \$68,000.
4. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

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

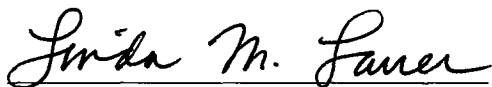
A special appropriation to the FY2006 Operating Budget of the Office of the State's Attorney is approved as follows:

| <u>Personnel<br/>Services</u> | <u>Operating<br/>Expenses</u> | <u>Capital<br/>Outlay</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Source<br/>of Funds</u> |
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| \$21,700                      | \$5,460                       | \$0                       | \$27,160     | General Fund Reserves      |

It is the County Council's intent that this special appropriation will fund a new Assistant State's Attorney and Legal Assistant in the Juvenile Prosecution Division. These positions are needed because a new Judge's position was added to the Circuit Court and has increased the capacity of the Juvenile Division to hear cases.

A special appropriation is necessary to act without delay as it is in the public interest to ensure that juvenile cases are processed in a timely and appropriate manner.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council