Expedited Bill No. 17-17

Concerning: Landlord–Tenant Relations – Duties of Director – Licensing of Rental Housing – Fees

Revised: 06/20/2017 Draft No. 4

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Enacted: June 20, 2017

Executive: June 29, 2017

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**County Council**

**For Montgomery County, Maryland**

Lead Sponsors: Council President Berliner and Councilmember Elrich

Co-sponsor: Councilmember Hucker

**AN EXPEDITED ACT** to:

1. require the Director of Housing and Community Affairs to provide certain advocacy services and assistance to tenants;
2. set the amount of the annual license fee per dwelling unit for each class of rental housing; and
3. generally amend the law related to landlord-tenant relations.

By amending

Montgomery County Code

Chapter 29, Landlord – Tenant Relations

Sections 29-6 and 29-20

**Boldface** *Heading or defined term.*

Underlining *Added to existing law by original bill.*

**[**Single boldface brackets**]** *Deleted from existing law by original bill.*

Double underlining *Added by amendment.*

**[[**Double boldface brackets**]]** *Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*

\* \* \* *Existing law unaffected by bill.*

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

**Sec. 1. Sections 29-6 and 29-20 are amended as follows:**

**29-6. Duties of Director.**

In addition to any other power, duty, or responsibility assigned in this Chapter, the Director has the following duties:

\* \* \*

(i) The Director must provide advocacy services and assistance to tenants in relation to their rights under this Chapter.

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**29-20. Fees.**

**[**The County Executive must establish an annual license fee per dwelling unit for each class of rental housing license by regulation under method (3) in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of administering this Chapter.**]** The annual license fee per dwelling unit is:

1. for a Class 1 multi-family rental facility license:
2. $44.00 per dwelling unit in an apartment complex or an accessory apartment approved by special exception; and
3. $59.00 per dwelling unit for all others;

(b) for a Class 2 single-family rental facility license, $101.00 per dwelling unit;

(c) for a Class 3 accessory apartment license $101.00 per unit.

The Executive may establish a higher annual fee by method (3) regulation in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of administering this Chapter,

**Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on July 1, 2017.

*Approved:*

/s/ 6/22/17

Roger Berliner, President, County Council Date

*Approved:*

/s/ 6/29/17

Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

/s/ 7/3/17

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date