

Resolution No.:	16-1478
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Ballot Title for Referendum on County Law

Background

(1) Section 114 of the County Charter provides that any legislation enacted by the County Council, with certain exceptions, must be submitted to a referendum of the voters on petition of 5 percent of the registered voters of the County.

(2) The County Board of Elections received a petition for a referendum on Chapter 15 of the Laws of Montgomery County, 2010, entitled "An Act to:

- (1) authorize the County to impose and collect a fee to recover costs generated by providing emergency medical service transports;
- (2) provide for a schedule of emergency medical services transport fees, fee waiver criteria, permitted uses of fee revenues, and other procedures to operate the emergency medical services fee program;
- (3) prohibit a Local Fire and Rescue Department from imposing a separate emergency medical services transport fee;
- (4) require the Executive to issue certain regulations to implement an emergency medical services transport fee;
- (5) require a certain annual transfer be made as payment of residents' uninsured portion of the emergency medical services transport fee; and
- (6) generally amend County law regarding the provision of emergency medical services."

The Board of Elections has not determined whether the petition was accompanied by sufficient signatures to place the referred law on the ballot.

(3) Under Section 7-103(c)(3)(i) of the Elections Article of the Maryland Code, each proposed ballot question must be certified to the Board of Elections on or before the third Monday in August in the year in which there will be a general or Congressional election at which the ballot question is to be submitted to the voters.

(4) County Code §16-16 provides that a ballot title or summary, prepared by the Council, of each proposed ballot question must appear in print on the voting machine or ballot. County Code §16-9 specifies the form of referendum questions.

Action

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

The following question must be placed on the 2010 general election ballot:

Question A

Referendum on Law Enacted by County Council

Emergency Medical Services Transport Fee

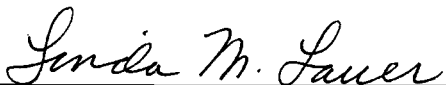
Shall the Act to require the collection of an emergency medical services transport (ambulance) fee from: (1) County residents to the extent of the resident's insurance coverage; and (2) non-County residents subject to a hardship waiver become law?

FOR

AGAINST

This resolution is effective only if the petition for a referendum on Chapter 15 of the Laws of Montgomery County, 2010, qualifies for inclusion on the 2010 ballot. If one or more other questions are placed on the 2010 ballot and one is designated as Question A, the Board of Elections must reletter this question accordingly.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council