

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2019-17**

**RESOLUTION NO. 51-2019**

**Title of Resolution:** Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Volunteer Fire Service

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide the Volunteer Fire Service Department Budget within the General Fund additional expenditure appropriation authority in the amount of \$164,154. The additional expenditure authority will fund the FY20 allocation budget shortfall resulting from the error by the Maryland State Assessment Office in the assignment of fire district codes to new County properties.

**Introduced by:** Council President on behalf of the County Executive

**Introduced and ordered posted on:** September 3, 2019

**Scheduled for consideration on:** September 17, 2019

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by (date) at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on (date).

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

**EXPLANATION:**      **CAPITALS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING RESOLUTION**  
~~Strike through~~ indicates language deleted from existing Resolution  
Underlining indicates language added to Resolution by Amendment  
~~Double Strike Through~~ indicates language stricken out of Resolution by Amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2019, the County  
2 Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2020; and

3           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held public  
4 hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2020; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 4, 2019, the Budget  
6 for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2020; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal year 2020 revenue estimate for Cecil County to  
8 allocate \$164,154 from the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund to allow the following appropriation within the  
9 General Fund: The addition of \$164,154 in expenditure authority for the Volunteer Fire Service Department's  
10 operating budget to fund the increase in FY2020 allocation. As outlined in Cecil County Code Chapter 49-1  
11 Section D(1) the annual allocation is to be divided among the nine volunteer fire companies in exact  
12 proportion which the assessed valuation of taxable property within the district served by each volunteer fire  
13 company bears to the assessed valuation of taxable property within the County. The budget increase is a  
14 direct result of the error by the Maryland State Department of Assessments in assigning fire district codes to  
15 new properties in Cecil County. Without the correct code assigned to new parcels, the report submitted to  
16 the County to calculate the annual allocation was incorrect and did not include all taxable property. The  
17 assessment office identified the error, reviewed all properties in Cecil County and updated properties that  
18 were missing a fire district code; and

19           **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$164,154 of fund balance from the Budget  
20 Stabilization Reserve Fund for expenditures.

21           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,**  
22 that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal Year 2020 is hereby  
23 amended and a supplemental appropriation to the Current Budget in the amount of \$164,154 of additional  
24 expenditures in the General Fund to the Volunteer Fire Service Department budget is approved.

25           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by the  
26 County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

**INTRODUCED: September 3, 2019**

**ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_**

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President of the Council

ATTEST:

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Council Manager