

## DEPARTMENTS OF CHARLES COUNTY;

(2) REVENUE DERIVED FROM FOUR CENTS (\$0.04) OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE TAX SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE VARIOUS RESCUE SQUADS AND MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS OF CHARLES COUNTY;

(3) REVENUE DERIVED FROM ONE CENT (\$0.01) OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE TAX SHALL BE USED TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE FUNDED LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD DESCRIBED IN § 54-8 OF THIS CHAPTER.

E. USE OF FUNDS; EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS TO CONFORM TO ESTABLISHED STANDARDS. THE FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE RESPECTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS, INCLUDING MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, FROM THIS FIRE AND RESCUE TAX SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING, REPAIRING, REPLACING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THEIR FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS AND THE HOUSING OF THE SAME AND FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND TRAINING. THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS OF SAID FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS SHALL CONFORM TO THE STANDARDS PRESCRIBED BY THE CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND BY THE CHARLES COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, RESPECTIVELY. NO RESOLUTION, REGULATION OR BYLAW SHALL BE PASSED BY SAID FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR RESCUE SQUADS LIMITING OR RESTRICTING THE TERRITORY WITHIN THE AREA COVERED BY THIS FIRE AND RESCUE TAX WITHIN WHICH IT WILL RESPOND TO EMERGENCY CALLS.

F. ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDING AUTHORIZED. IN ADDITION TO THE FIRE AND RESCUE TAX BENEFITS, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY ARE AUTHORIZED TO PAY OUT OF THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE COUNTY ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS AS THEY DEEM NECESSARY. THE BOARD OF FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSIONERS SHALL CONSIDER THESE PAYMENTS IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS DUE THE VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS UNDER THE FORMULA DISTRIBUTION PLAN AND IN DETERMINING WHETHER EXCESS PROCEEDS EXIST.

## 54-2. DISPOSITION OF EXCESS PROCEEDS.

EXCESS PROCEEDS, HEREIN DEFINED AS PROCEEDS FROM THE FIRE AND RESCUE TAX IN EXCESS OF THOSE NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRECEDING SUBSECTIONS, SHALL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSIONERS, BE USED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO REDUCE THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS, TO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF NEW FIRE