

to pay annually to the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for maintaining and operating the said fire department, said tax to be determined, levied, collected and paid over in the following manner: At least thirty days before the tax levying period of each year the County Commissioners of said County determine the number of cents per One Hundred Dollars of said assessable value necessary to raise the required amount of twenty-five hundred dollars. The said County Commissioners in their next annual levy may levy said tax on all land and improvements and any other property assessed for County tax purpose within said Precinct, which tax may be levied and shall be collected as County taxes are now or may be hereafter levied and collected, and have the same priority, rights, bear the same interest and penalties and in every respect be treated the same as County taxes. The taxes so levied for the ensuing year shall be collected by the tax collecting authorities of said county and every sixty days they shall remit the whole amount of the taxes so collected to the Treasurer of the said Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., or its successor or successors, upon the said Treasurer giving a corporate bond to said County Commissioners to be approved by the Judge of the Circuit Court for said County in terms and a penal sum to be fixed by the Board of County Commissioners. It being the purpose of this Act that the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County are herewith authorized and empowered to levy as much as \$2,500 a year against the property of the Silver Spring precinct for the maintenance of the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., as long as the majority of the Board of County Commissioners consider that such Volunteer Fire Department, is rendering efficient and sufficient fire protection to the general Silver Spring Community.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1927.