

property within a certain area of the Ninth Election District of Montgomery County, said area being designated and known as The Sanitary Zone; and not more than five cents (5) on each \$100.00 of the assessable value of the real and personal property lying and being in the Ninth Election District of Montgomery County but not within the above mentioned Sanitary Zone, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the fire department known as The Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department, Inc., within the said certain area herein definitely defined; and providing for the manner in which the number of cents on each \$100.00 of the assessable value of the real and personal property within said certain defined area to be levied each year may be determined, and authorizing the tax collecting authorities for said County to pay over to the Treasurer of the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department, Inc., its successor or successors, the tax so levied and collected for disbursements for the said purposes of maintaining and operating the said fire department in said area, and providing for a Commission to manage the finances of said Fire Department.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the purpose of providing funds with which to maintain and operate a fire department within the area designated and known as the Ninth Election District of Montgomery County, the County Commissioners of Montgomery County are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually against all of the assessable real and personal property within the said Ninth Election District a tax sufficient, but not to exceed ten cents (10c) on each \$100 of assessable real and personal property within the area known and designated as the Sanitary Zone and not exceeding five cents (5c) on the assessable real and personal property lying and being in the said Ninth Election District but not in the said Sanitary Zone, to pay the annual requirements or expenditures necessary to maintain and operate the said fire department, now known as the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department, Inc., including payment of encumbrance on real estate owned or leased, by said fire department. The said tax shall 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 may certify to the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department, Inc., its successor or successors, the whole valuation