

of assessable property within said area and the Commission hereinafter created, its successor or successors, shall then determine the amount necessary to be raised for the ensuing year to maintain and operate the said Fire Department, including payment in whole or in part of any existing encumbrance, and then after determining the number of cents per \$100.00 of said assessed valuation necessary to raise the required amount for the ensuing year, so certify to the Board of County Commissioners. The County Commissioners in their next annual levy may levy said tax on all land and improvements and any other property assessed for County tax purposes within said area, which tax may be levied and collected as county taxes now are or may be hereafter levied and collected, and have the same priority rights, bear the same interests and penalties and in every respect be treated the same as County Taxes but not to exceed the rates hereinabove provided. The taxes so levied for the ensuing year shall be collected by the tax collecting authorities for said county and every sixty days they shall remit the whole amount of taxes so collected to the Treasurer of the said Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department, Inc., or its successor or successors, upon the said Treasurer giving a corporate bond to said Board of County Commissioners to be approved by the Judge of the Circuit Court for said County in a penal sum to be fixed by said Judge, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the duties of said Treasurer. From the money so received the Treasurer of the said Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department, Inc., its successor or successors, shall, upon the approval of the Commission hereinafter created, pay all proper costs, expenses, claims and demands and such principal and interest on any encumbrance on real estate owned or leased by said Fire Department as may be due, that are necessary properly to maintain and operate said Fire Department. Should the tax so collected in any one year be inadequate to defray the said costs, expenses, claims and demands such deficiency may be added to the amount required for the next ensuing year and levied and collected in next year's taxes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there is hereby created a Commission to manage the finances of said Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department, the Commission to consist of seven members, all of whom shall be taxpayers, to be appointed for a term of one year and in the following manner:

Two of said members shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council of Gaithersburg; two by the Washington