

the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Fire Companies", said new section to be known as Section 335A, and to follow immediately after Section 335, providing that the County Commissioners for Montgomery County may pay up to Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars per annum to the Mt. Airy Fire Department for services rendered in Montgomery County.

WHEREAS, the Mt. Airy Fire Department has, for many years, provided sole fire protection in Montgomery County, particularly within the Twelfth Election District, and that the calls answered by the Mt. Airy Fire Department in Montgomery County consists of approximately forty (40%) per cent of their work; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Montgomery County have by law been contributing public monies to fire companies operating and located within Montgomery County for their services in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, there exists no fire company within the area of Montgomery County located near Mt. Airy; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be, and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Montgomery County (1939 Edition), being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Fire Companies", said new section to be known as Section 335A, and to follow immediately after Section 335, and to read as follows:

335A. The Board of County Commissioners for Montgomery County are hereby authorized to pay a sum of money up to and including Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars per annum, to the regular organized fire department of Mt. Airy, Maryland, for fire protection services rendered within Montgomery County, and continue said payments annually until there is established a fire department within the area of Montgomery County now served by the Mt. Airy Fire Department.

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 having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths (3/5) of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 29, 1945.