

(d) *The proceeds collected from said Second ~~and~~, Eighth AND NINTH Election Districts by said fire tax shall be paid by the County Commissioners annually to the THOSE fire companies approved by the County Commissioners.* LOCATED IN THOSE ELECTION DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE MONEY IS COLLECTED. THE FIRE COMPANIES WHICH ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF SPECIAL TAX MONIES SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET AND AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL EXPENDITURES TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(C) ANY PROCEEDS COLLECTED BY THE FIRE TAX WHICH ARE IN EXCESS OF THE BUDGETARY NEEDS OF THE FIRE COMPANIES IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THEY ARE COLLECTED SHALL BE USED TO REDUCE THE FIRE TAX FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR IN THE SAID DISTRICT.

77C. *The funds received by the fire companies, approved by the County Commissioners, shall be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing, replacing, operating and maintaining their fire fighting equipment and apparatus (including rescue equipment), the housing of the same and for the training of new firemen, provided, however, that no payment or disbursement of any of said funds shall be made by said fire companies or the treasurer thereof without the approval of its Board of Trustees or Board of Directors. The amount and type of equipment of said fire companies shall conform to the standards prescribed by the ~~Southern Maryland Firemen's Association~~ MARYLAND FIRE UNDERWRITERS BUREAU and no resolution, regulation or by-law shall be passed by said fire companies limiting or restricting the territory within said election district within which they will respond to emergency or fire calls. Nor shall the said fire companies pass any resolution, regulation or by-law limiting or restricting the territory within the county which they will respond to emergency or fire calls when so called by the proper authority.*

77D. *In the event said fire companies cease to be active fire fighting organizations, or if the funds provided for herein are not used for the purposes set forth in Sections 77B through 77E of this sub-title, or if restrictive rules or regulations are adopted by said companies with respect to the area within which they will respond to emergency or fire calls, then, and in any of said events, the said County Commissioners shall cease to levy the said fire tax.*

77E. *The fire companies approved by the County Commissioners shall give bond to the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County in a penal sum to be set by them conditioned upon the faithful expenditure of the funds derived hereunder.*

77F. *Whenever the County Commissioners deem it desirable to create a similar fire tax for one or more of the election districts not affected by the preceding sections, they shall submit the question of levying said fire tax to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of the election district or districts concerned at the regular polling place at the next regular election.*

77G. ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT IN ANY OF THE AFORESAID ELECTION DISTRICTS, THE