

departments and rescue squads in the County; to provide for an executive committee and a personnel committee for the fire board, their membership and duties; to authorize certain responsibilities and duties of the said fire board, to include the preparation of fire and rescue service maps, investigation and planning for fire and rescue station locations, establish minimum standards for entrance qualifications, uniform fiscal and budget procedures, recommend purchasing procedures; to study and report on fire taxing areas financing; to require bonding of department and squad treasurers; to provide for auditing of accounts; and to provide for distribution of fire tax district revenues.

*Be It Enacted by the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, that—*

*Section 1.* Section 2-83, title "Fire Board," of Article XIII, title "Advisory Boards," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

*Sec. 2-83. Fire Board.*

(a) *Fire Board Established and Membership.*

There is hereby established a Montgomery County Fire Board, to be composed of the chief of each fire department and rescue squad within the County, including the chief of the fire department of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland and one elected delegate from each fire department and each rescue squad, said delegate to be elected annually in June from among the membership of the respective departments and squads. One delegate shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park. Any vacancy occurring among delegates shall be filled within 30 days by the squad, department, or city in the manner of the original election or appointment. Such delegate shall serve until the next annual election. The chiefs and elected delegates will vote as individual representatives of their respective departments and squads and shall not be bound by their departments' or squads' decision in any vote which they shall cast as members of the board. The board shall have a fulltime executive assistant and, in addition, shall have such other staff employees as may be provided for in its approved budget as necessary to carry out the functions of the board. The board shall elect annually at its first meeting after the June election from among its members a chairman and such other officers as provided for in its bylaws. The selection of the chairman shall be subject to approval by the county council and if not approved, another election shall be held. The chairman shall serve until his successor has been elected and approved.

(b) *Executive Committee Established and Membership.*

There shall be established an executive committee of the fire board to consist of seven members. The chairman of the fire board shall serve as committee chairman. Six of the members shall be from the fire departments; one member shall be from the rescue squads. The committee chairman may be either a member of a fire department or be the rescue squad member. The six members shall be elected annually by the board from among its members at its first meeting after the June election. The members shall be nominated and elected so that the committee membership will fairly and broadly represent the interests of the entire fire and rescue service and the county. Not more than one member shall be from any one fire department.