

and may provide and furnish any or all persons engaged in public defense within the County with protective armor and such other equipment and supplies and also purchase, rent, hire and maintain lands, buildings, and equipment as may be considered to be necessary and proper. The County Executive may engage the service of persons charged with assisting in public defense and may, with the approval of the Council, fix the compensation of such persons, including the payment for services heretofore rendered in connection with the civilian defense activities of the County, and may do all other things needful and necessary to protect and safeguard the people and property within the County from actual or threatened armed invasion or insurrection, and may alleviate their suffering resulting from fire, flood, disaster or epidemic of disease, or other such emergencies. The County Executive is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to protect the citizens of the County during blackouts, practice air raid alarms, air raids, and invasion. All acts done and all moneys expended by the County for such purposes, either heretofore or hereafter, including the purchase of equipment for civilian defense organization and maintenance, the employment of administrative and technical aid in the interest of civilian defense, the purchase of medical supplies for casualty stations, and the purchase of arms, ammunition and providing and furnishing of telephone service and other service and supplies are hereby ratified and confirmed as just and lawful acts of the County.

Section 3. Section 2-21 of Chapter 2 of the Montgomery County Code 1965, titled "Same—Borrowing money," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2-21. Same—Borrowing money.

In order to further carry out the provisions of Sections 2-19 through 2-21 of this Code the Council is hereby authorized and empowered, at any time, or from time to time, to borrow on the faith and credit of the County such sum of money or other article of value in an amount not to exceed the appropriations made under the foregoing Sections 2-19 and 2-20 of this Code; such borrowing may be made by public or private sale of certificates of indebtedness, or other evidence of debt, or by direct negotiation with any state or national banking institution or other lending agency. The Council is further authorized and empowered to issue certificates of indebtedness or promissory notes in such denominations and such amounts, and at such interest rate and for such period not exceeding two years as the Council may by resolution determine. Such certificates of indebtedness or promissory notes to be executed by the County Executive and attested by the Clerk to the Council. Such promissory notes or certificates of indebtedness may be renewed or reissued at any time or from time to time or may be funded by an issue of serial bonds having an average maturity of not more than ten years from the date of issue thereof. The bonds, certificates of indebtedness, promissory notes or other evidences of debt issued under the provisions of this Section shall be specifically exempted from the provisions of Sections 8, 9 and 10 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957, and from the provisions of any other public general or local law of Maryland which conflict or appear to conflict with the provisions of Sections 2-19 through 2-21 of this Code. Any and all evidences of debt issued pursuant to the provisions of such Sections and the interest thereon shall be and remain exempt from State, County and municipal taxes of every kind whatsoever in the State. All debt incurred under the provisions of such Sections shall be and remain until paid the obligation of the County issued upon its full faith and credit