

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

County Executive for submission to the County Council with all budgets, that recommended changes shall be based on, but not be limited to, when a fire department's recommended budget would require a tax levy of twenty-one cents or more per hundred dollars of assessed valuation, when the construction contract for a new fire station has been completed within the immediate past calendar year, when existing tax boundaries have been affected by changes in property boundary lines, and when new roads or bridges are opened or existing roads or bridges are closed within the immediate past calendar year and thereby a change in the response distances result, that as to the Individual Fire Tax Districts the County Council shall levy a tax on all assessable property to produce an amount sufficient for maintaining, equipping and operating the departments or squads and if the tax rate would produce less than the amount certified by each department or squad as necessary a prior public hearing shall be held and that all budgets shall be subject to public hearings as provided under Section 304 of the County Charter and shall be levied and collected and treated in every respect as county taxes and be collected by county authorities and the treasurers upon authorization of their departments or squads shall pay all proper costs, expenses, claims and demands necessary for the maintenance, equipment and operation of their facilities and any moneys retained by the Director of Finance shall be invested in the County's Investment Fund and the proceeds credited to the appropriate department or squad, that as to the Consolidated Fire Tax District the County Council shall appropriate funds in the amount requested by the Fire Board unless the Council proposes to reduce any amounts requested in which event a public hearing shall be conducted and that all budgets shall be subject to public hearings as provided under Section 304 of the County Charter and on or before May 1 of each year the Council must adopt legislation reflecting changes, if any, in the Fire Tax District boundaries which will effect the following fiscal year's tax levies and the Council shall levy and collect a uniform tax for the Consolidated Fire Tax District on all assessable property located therein which will produce amounts necessary to meet the