amendments to read as follows:

2-66. Compensation of Members of the County Council.

The compensation of the members of the County Council for the performance of public duties under the Charter of the County shall be eighteen thousand dollars per annum, beginning on the first Monday in December, 1974 and adjusted annually thereafter on the first Monday in December by a percentage which is seventy—five percent of the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for the Washington Metropolitan area as of August 31 shall have changed from the preceding August 31. The compensation of the President of the County Council shall be fixed at twenty—five hundred dollars per annum in excess of the salary of other Council Members.

## SECTION 3. Severability.

The provisions of this Act are severable, and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the Act or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Act would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included therein, and if the person or circumstances to which the Act or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Act shall take effect on the 76th day following the date on which it becomes law.

Approved May 7, 1974

## Chapter 49

## Bill No. 19-74

AN ACT to amend Article III, title "Fire Tax Districts," of Chapter 21, title "Fire and Rescue Services," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as