

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

amended, to raise the rate at which a fire department shall be included in the consolidated fire tax district from twenty-one cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value to twenty-six cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, That -

SECTION 1. Section 21-13 of Article III, title "Fire Tax Districts," of Chapter 21, title "Fire and Rescue Services," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended, is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

21-13. Generally.

(a) Districts established. Two classes of fire tax districts are hereby established as follows:

(1) Consolidated Fire Tax District. Any fire department with a tax rate equal to or exceeding seventeen cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation as determined by the tax rate established in fiscal year 1971-72, shall be placed in and constitutes part of a county-wide consolidated fire tax district. This consolidated district (composed generally of the following former areas; Bethesda, Burtonsville, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Glen Echo, Hillandale, Hyattstown, Sandy Spring, Silver Spring and Takoma Park) constitutes, that area described and outlined on the map attached hereto, and made a part of this section. The fire tax district boundaries represented on the map reflect the boundaries of all existing fire and rescue stations. A copy of this map shall be maintained in the offices of the supervisor of assessments of the county and the secretary of the fire board together with property tax maps. Any fire department which subsequently requires a tax rate equal to or exceeding twenty-six cents per one-hundred dollars assessed valuation for the then current fiscal year shall be included in and constitute part of the aforesaid consolidated fire tax district. Once a fire department becomes part of the district it shall remain therein and its response area shall become an integral part of the consolidated district free of any subsequent encroachment by any individual fire tax district except when the county council has had to pass legislation amending the fire tax district boundaries as the result of (a) the completion within the immediate past calendar year of the construction contract for a new fire station, or (b) the existing tax boundaries having been affected by changes in property boundary lines, or (c) new roads or bridges opening or existing roads or