

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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-one 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 (i) the completion within the immediate past calendar year of the construction contract for a new fire station, or (ii) the existing tax boundaries having been affected by changes in property boundary lines, or (iii) new roads or bridges opening or existing roads or bridges closing within the immediate past calendar year resulting in a change of response distances, (iv) or errors in drawing the fire tax district boundaries on the map required by this section. Response areas within the consolidated district shall be developed or amended from time to time by the county fire board.

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 this Act or their application to other persons and 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.