

establish procedures dealing with disposition of surplus goods and scrap; to set forth procedures to be followed in case of purchase or lease of land by the County and rescue squads or fire departments supported in whole or in part by County tax funds; to ratify and approve certain purchases of land made prior to 1960; to provide certain exceptions from the provisions of this Chapter for land that is donated to the County or its instrumentalities; to establish procedures for bid protests and appeals therefrom; to authorize the County to contract with incorporated municipalities to provide certain types of services to those municipalities at not less than the cost of such services; to authorize the County to employ special legal counsel; to provide for cooperative purchasing arrangements with other units of government; to provide for reporting of suspected collusive bidding negotiations; and to provide for interest in contracts and purchases generally, and penalties.

Approved April 15, 1977.

Chapter 40

AN ACT to amend Chapter 58, of the Montgomery County Code, 1972, as amended by repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Section 58-1, title "Definitions", subtitle "Subdivisions" and by adding a new definition subtitle, "Weeds and Grass"; and Section 58-3, title "Duty of Property Owners and Occupants to Cut", for the purpose of prohibiting the growth of vegetation throughout the subdivisions and immediately adjacent lands in Montgomery County, Maryland, which attain a noxious and dangerous condition so as to constitute a menace to public health and a fire hazard.

Approved April 22, 1977.

Chapter 41

AN ACT to add a new Section 52-16C, title "Real Property Tax Recapture", to Chapter 52, title "Taxation", Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended, to follow immediately after Section 52-16B thereof for the purpose of imposing, upon the occasion of the transfer of real property located in Montgomery County, a tax on the amount by which the taxable value of such property on the date of recognition exceeds the assessed valuation of the property; to specify the rate at which such tax shall be levied and the manner in which such tax shall be calculated; to specify assessed valuation; to specify