

Rescue Commission certain responsibilities previously exercised by the personnel and executive committees of the Fire Board, and making certain technical changes; by repealing Section 21-4 and replacing it with new Sections 21-4A through 21-4V as follows: 21-4A is a statement of policy containing legislative intent, purpose of the Chapter, and definitions applicable to Chapter 21; 21-4B establishes a seven-member Fire and Rescue Commission and describes the manner of appointment or election of its members, selection of chairperson, terms, compensation, responsibilities, and authority, appointment of committees, annual report, budget and staff support, enforcement, adoption of by-laws, time requirements for certain actions, and automatic termination; 21-4C establishes a Fire Board and describes its composition, the manner of election of its members, its responsibilities and authority, and its budget and staff support; 21-4D authorizes the eighteen existing independent fire departments and rescue squad corporations to perform certain public safety functions; 21-4E mandates the Fire and Rescue Commission to adopt an integrated emergency command structure for the fire and rescue corporations with provisions for the Director to adopt such command structure if the Commission fails to act within a specified time; 21-4F authorizes the Fire and Rescue Commission to modify or improve the existing disaster plan, subject to the approval by the Chief Administrative Officer; 21-4G mandates the Fire and Rescue Commission to establish response areas for all fire and rescue corporations with provisions for adoption by the Director if the Commission fails to act within a specified time; 21-4H mandates the Fire and Rescue Commission to establish communications and dispatch procedures and provides for their adoption by the Director if the Commission fails to act within a specified time; 21-4 I mandates the Fire and Rescue Commission to adopt a master fire defense, rescue, and emergency medical services plan to be reviewed by the County Executive and approved by the County Council, and provides that the County Executive shall be responsible for development of such plan if the Commission fails to act within a specified time; 21-4J authorizes adoption of provisions for long and short term transfer of apparatus and, in the absence of such provisions, authorizes the County Executive to transfer, on an emergency basis, apparatus purchased in whole or in part with tax funds, for a period not to exceed seven days unless approved by the Commission; 21-4K authorizes the County Executive to assume command of any corporation in a public emergency; 21-4L authorizes the County in certain instances to audit performances of any corporation supported with tax funds; 21-4M provides for personnel services, makes the comprehensive County Personnel Regulations applicable to career personnel employed by local corporations and paid from tax funds under certain circumstances unless modified by the Commission under certain circumstances, establishes a process for review of personnel transactions, requires adoption of procedures concerning disclosure of illegal and improper actions and protection from retaliatory action, provides certain grievance procedures, provides for certain disciplinary appeals, states that employees of local