

(2) -- BE -- ESTABLISHED -- IN -- COOPERATION -- WITH -- THE -- FREDERICK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, -- INC. --

(D) -- EMPLOYEES -- OF -- THE -- DEPARTMENT -- OF -- FIRE -- AND -- RESCUE -- SERVICES SHALL -- BE -- COUNTY -- EMPLOYEES. --

(E) -- THE -- BOARD -- OF -- COUNTY -- COMMISSIONERS, -- IN -- COOPERATION -- WITH -- THE -- FREDERICK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, -- INC. --, SHALL -- ESTABLISH -- BY -- ORDINANCE -- MINIMUM -- RESPONSE -- CRITERIA -- FOR -- FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES. --

(F) -- (1) -- THE -- BOARD -- OF -- COUNTY -- COMMISSIONERS -- MAY -- DESIGNATE, -- BY -- ORDINANCE, -- AS -- A -- SPECIAL -- TAXING -- DISTRICT -- AN -- AREA -- IN -- THE -- COUNTY, -- INCLUDING -- INCORPORATED -- MUNICIPALITIES, -- THAT: --

(i) -- FAILS -- TO -- MEET -- THE -- MINIMUM -- RESPONSE -- CRITERIA FOR -- FIRE -- AND -- RESCUE -- SERVICES, -- OR

(ii) -- IS -- REQUESTED -- TO -- BE -- DESIGNATED -- A -- SPECIAL TAXING -- DISTRICT -- BY -- A -- FIRE -- AND -- RESCUE -- SERVICE. --

(2) -- PRIOR -- TO -- ADOPTING -- AN -- ORDINANCE -- UNDER -- THIS SUBSECTION, -- THE -- BOARD -- SHALL: --

(i) -- CONDUCT -- A -- PUBLIC -- HEARING -- CONCERNING -- THE PROPOSED -- BOUNDARIES -- OF -- THE -- SPECIAL -- TAXING -- DISTRICT, --

(ii) -- PROVIDE -- PRIOR -- NOTICE -- OF -- THE -- HEARING -- BY PUBLISHING, -- AT -- LEAST -- ONCE -- EACH -- WEEK -- FOR -- 2 -- SUCCESSIVE -- WEEKS, -- IN -- AT LEAST -- 1 -- NEWSPAPER -- OF -- GENERAL -- CIRCULATION -- IN -- THE -- COUNTY: --

1. -- THE -- TIME, -- LOCATION, -- AND -- DATE -- OF -- THE PUBLIC -- HEARING; -- AND

2. -- A -- SUMMARY -- OF -- THE -- PROPOSED -- ORDINANCE; -- AND

(iii) -- CONSIDER -- THE -- RECOMMENDATIONS -- OF -- THE FREDERICK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, -- INC. --

(3) -- AN -- ORDINANCE -- ADOPTED -- UNDER -- THIS -- SUBSECTION BECOMES -- EFFECTIVE -- 10 -- DAYS -- AFTER -- THE -- DATE -- OF -- THE -- PUBLIC -- HEARING. --

(G) -- (1) -- THE -- BOARD -- OF -- COUNTY -- COMMISSIONERS -- MAY -- IMPOSE -- ON -- THE ASSESSABLE -- REAL -- PROPERTY -- WITHIN -- A -- SPECIAL -- TAXING -- DISTRICT -- AN ANNUAL -- TAX -- FOR -- THE -- PURPOSE -- OF -- DEFRAYING -- THE -- COST -- OF -- SUPPLYING PERSONNEL -- AND -- CAPITAL -- EXPENSES -- NECESSARY -- TO -- PROVIDE -- FIRE -- AND RESCUE -- SERVICES -- WITHIN -- THE -- DISTRICT -- WHICH -- MEET -- THE -- MINIMUM RESPONSE -- CRITERIA. --

(2) -- THE -- SPECIAL -- DISTRICT -- TAX -- SHALL -- BE -- LEVIED -- AND COLLECTED -- IN -- ACCORDANCE -- WITH -- §§ -- 2 -- 7 -- 101 -- THROUGH -- 2 -- 7 -- 104 -- OF -- THIS CODE. --