

Issue Analysis Form



Date: February 9, 2021
Ordinance to Allocate \$.01 of
Real Estate Tax for Fire
Equipment Replacement for
Coordinated Fire/EMS
System

Item:

Lead Department(s): County Attorney

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Description and Current Status

The County's Coordinated Fire/EMS System has asked the Board to commit revenue from \$.01 of the real estate tax revenue to be used exclusively for fire equipment replacement for the coordinated fire/EMS system. In order to make such an allocation permanent in a way that provides long-term predictability for a dedicated funding stream for certain fire equipment replacement, the Board should adopt an ordinance. Such an allocation for fire equipment would not be subject to a deduction for any annual transfer to the school system. The ordinance would bind future Boards of Supervisors. The allocation would not result in a tax rate increase

A draft ordinance is attached for consideration; a motion approving the ordinance is requested.

This Ordinance shall be effective beginning with the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Sample Motion: I move that the Board approve an Ordinance allocating \$.01 of the Real Estate Tax for fire equipment replacement for the Coordinated fire/EMS System.

Government Path

- Does this require IDA action?** Yes No
- Does this require BZA action?** Yes No
- Does This require Planning Commission Action?** Yes No
- Does this require Board of Supervisors action?** Yes No
- Does this require a public hearing?** Yes No
- If so, before what date?** Yes No

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF
PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA”, 2005, AS AMENDED, BY
ADDING § 74-6 TO ALLOCATE \$.01 OF THE REAL ESTATE
TAX FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FOR THE
COORDINATED FIRE/EMS SYSTEM**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Prince George County:

- (1) *That The Code of the County of Prince George, Virginia, 2005, as amended, is amended by adding § 74-6, as follows:*

CHAPTER 74 TAXATION

Article I. In General

SEC. 74-6: Allocation of real estate tax for fire equipment replacement.

The Board of Supervisors shall allocate the revenue from \$.01 of each year’s real estate tax revenue to a fire equipment replacement fund for the coordinated fire/EMS system. Such revenue shall be used exclusively for fire equipment replacement and shall not be subject to any deduction related to annual transfers to the school system or deductions for any other purpose. “Equipment” shall mean any fire protection and lifesaving equipment not considered Fire Apparatus, as defined in §74-4. Examples include Zoll Monitors, self-containing breathing apparatus, stretchers, turnout gear, drones, generators, gas monitors, hoses, thermal imaging cameras, stair chairs and vehicles that are not considered apparatus, as defined in §74-4.

- (2)*That this Ordinance shall be effective beginning July 1, 2021.*

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
COUNTY OF PRINCE
GEORGE**

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Prince George Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on February 9, 2021 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Third Floor of the County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia, (located at the intersection of Laurel Springs Road and Courts Drive in the County Government Complex) pursuant to § 15.2-1427, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to consider:

Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend "The Code of the County of Prince George, Virginia," 2005, as amended, by adding §74-6 to allocate \$.01 of the real estate tax for fire equipment replacement for the coordinated fire/ems system.

Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend "The Code of the County of Prince George, Virginia," 2005, as amended, by amending § 6-146 to clarify the language for a dog running at large and to provide for a civil penalty of up to \$100 for dogs running in a pack which is defined as the dog running at large in the company of one or more dogs that are also running at large.

A copy of the Ordinances are available for review in the County Administrator's Office (Tel. 722-8600), Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. All interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

Percy C. Ashcraft
County Administrator