

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2008 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-73-2008

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Fire Commission

3 For the purpose of amending the method of appointment for members of the Fire Commission
4 and expanding the duties and responsibilities of the Fire Commission.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 11. FIRE SAFETY.

7 Sections 11-301 and 11-302,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2003 Edition, 2006 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Sections 11-301 and 11-302 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same
12 are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 **SUBTITLE 11. FIRE SAFETY.**

14 **DIVISION 5. FIRE COMMISSION.**

15 **Sec. 11-301. Fire Commission; membership.**

16 (a) There shall be a Fire Commission composed of nine (9) members [elected by the
17 volunteer fire companies of Prince George's County. Each company shall be entitled to cast one
18 (1) vote for each member of the Commission. The first election shall take place in the month of
19 December 1970, and an election shall take place annually thereafter during the month of July.]
20 appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. All members must

1 reside in Prince George's County at the time of their appointment and continuously while serving
 2 on the Commission.

3 (b) Three members shall be members of a County volunteer fire department or rescue
 4 squad, three members shall be active employees of the Fire/EMS Department, and three
 5 members shall be from the general public and shall not be an employee of the County nor be a
 6 member of a County volunteer fire department or rescue squad.

7 (c) Each member serves a term of three (3) years. A member must not serve more than 2
 8 consecutive full terms, not counting any portion of an unexpired term. For the initial
 9 appointment of the Commission, the members shall be appointed in a manner to provide for the
 10 expiration of terms for one member of each class for each year.

11 (d) The County Executive shall designate one of the public members as chair and another
 12 public member as vice-chair.

13 **Sec. 11-302. Duties.**

14 (a) The Fire Commission shall review the financial needs and requests for public funds of
 15 each volunteer fire company. It shall formulate annually one capital budget, one capital
 16 improvement program, and one current expense budget for all volunteer fire companies with
 17 respect to the expenditure of public funds, and shall submit said budgets and program, together
 18 with appropriate justification, to the County Executive in accordance with the provisions of the
 19 Charter.

20 (b) The Fire Commission shall advise the Fire Chief, the County Executive, and the
 21 County Council;

22 (1) on any matter relating to the provision of emergency medical services, fire
 23 prevention activities and fire suppression services by all of the volunteer fire companies;

24 (2) on County-wide policies, standards, procedures, plans, and programs that should
 25 apply to all of the volunteer fire companies;

26 (3) on the proposed Public Safety Master Plan provisions for fire, rescue, and
 27 emergency medical services; and

28 (4) on the recruitment, training, retention, evaluation, and disciplining of volunteer
 29 firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

30 (c) The Fire Commission shall review and provide comments on proposed labor
 31 agreements in accordance with Section 13A-109 of the County Code.

1 (d) The Fire Commission shall recommend and comment on legislation, regulations, and
2 policies that apply to or affect the Fire and EMS Service.

3 (e) The Fire Commission shall establish programs to encourage student service learning
4 programs at each volunteer fire station.

5 (f) The Fire Commission shall forward to the County Executive and County Council an
6 annual report describing Fire Commission recommendations and activities.

7 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
8 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
9 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
10 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
11 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
12 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
13 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

14 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
15 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2008.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Samuel H. Dean
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.