

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT Office of the County Executive

April 11, 2024

The Honorable Jolene Ivey Chair Prince George's County Council Wayne K. Curry Administration Building 1301 McCormick Drive Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Ivey:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration are proposed amendments to Subtitle 11, Fire Safety; Division 8, Emergency Transportation Fee, Section 11-346 to adjust the current rates for emergency transportation services rendered in a three-phased approach due to inflation and increased cost of operations.

The proposed amendments to this legislation increase both the base rates and per mileage rates for the levels of emergency transportation services. Base rates have not been adjusted since 2008 and per mileage rates since 2021. The proposed adjustment aligns the emergency transportation fees for services rendered by the Fire/EMS Department with other fire departments in the region. The increase in fees will not impact County residents, as the Fire/EMS Department does not balance bill for the costs not covered by insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid. Uninsured residents are not billed for services, as the Fire/EMS Department will not impose additional financial hardship as a result of emergency ambulance transport.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is requested. If you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Tiffany D. Green by email at tdgreen@co.pg.md.us or by phone at 301-883-5204.

Sincerely,

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