

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution No. 2016-40

Resolution Urging the Montgomery County Executive and Montgomery County Council to Include Funding for a Paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station in the County's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

- WHEREAS, officials from the City of Takoma Park and Montgomery County have been engaged in discussions for several years about the need for a staff paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station, Station #2; and
- WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Fire Station is one of only two County Fire Stations that does not have an on-staff paramedic; and
- WHEREAS, the County Fire and Rescue Service has proposed funding in a future year for a paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station as part of a phased improvement plan; and
- WHEREAS, County Executive Isiah Leggett, in a March 15, 2016 memorandum addressed to Montgomery County Council President Nancy Floreen, stated, "To meet the increasing demands for Advanced Life Support (ALS) services, we should ensure a paramedic response capability from every fire and rescue station in the County," with the aim of "enhancing the public safety and health of our residents"; and
- WHEREAS, Takoma Park residents have benefited by having the Washington Adventist Hospital Emergency Department within the community so that residents transported by staff of the Takoma Park Fire Department may receive advanced care within a short time frame; and
- WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Fire Department transported 2,700 people to Washington Adventist Hospital in 2015, representing 79% of their total transports for paramedical immediate attention; and
- WHEREAS, Washington Adventist Hospital will be relocating to a new site six miles outside of the City, increasing the time that it will take to transport a person in need of urgent paramedical attention to a hospital emergency department and increasing the need for having a paramedic on staff with the Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park urges the Montgomery County Executive and Montgomery County Council to include funding for a paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station in the County's Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

Adopted this 12th day of October, 2016.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk