

Resolution No.: 20-323
Introduced: November 14, 2023
Adopted: November 14, 2023

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President Glass

SUBJECT: Resolution to Extend Time to Approve or Disapprove Provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County and the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association

Background

1. County Code Section 21-6 establishes a process for Local Fire and Rescue Departments (LFRDs) to select an authorized representative to represent their interests, and requires the Fire Chief to negotiate in good faith with the authorized representative on certain issues affecting LFRDs and their volunteers.
2. The LFRDs selected the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association (MCVFRA) to be their authorized representative.
3. On November 1, 2023, the Executive submitted to the Council a fully executed Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) between the Montgomery County Government and MCVFRA effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
4. County Code Section 21-6(p) requires the Executive to submit to the Council any element of an agreement with the LFRD authorized representative that requires an appropriation of funds, may have a future fiscal impact, is inconsistent with any County law or regulation, or requires the enactment or adoption of any County law or regulation.
5. On November 14, 2023, the Council introduced a resolution to approve or disapprove certain provisions of the MOA.
6. Under Code Section 21-6, the approval or disapproval of the terms of the MOA is due 60 days after the Executive submitted the MOA to the Council, unless the Council extends the deadline.
7. The Council has determined to extend the deadline to approve or disapprove of the terms of the MOA until March 1, 2024 to permit adequate review. Without the extension, the deadline would be December 31, 2023, when the Council is on recess.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

Pursuant to Section 21-6(q) of the Montgomery County Code, the deadline for the County Council to approve or disapprove terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Montgomery County Government and the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association (for the term July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026) is March 1, 2024.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council