

Expedited Bill No. 11-26  
Concerning: Fire and Rescue Services -  
Length of Service Awards Program for  
Volunteers – Amendments  
Revised: 3/17/2026 Draft No. 3  
Introduced: February 10, 2026  
Enacted: March 17, 2026  
Executive: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunset Date: None  
Ch. \_\_\_\_\_, Laws of Mont. Co. \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the County Executive  
Co-Sponsor: Councilmember Sayles

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**AN EXPEDITED ACT** to:

- (1) increase the amount of length of service benefits to certain local fire and rescue department volunteers; and
- (2) generally amend the law regarding local fire and rescue department volunteers.

By amending:

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 21, Fire and Rescue Services  
Sections 21-21

<b>Boldface</b>	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*



- 27 (A) Effective January 1, 1985, a volunteer qualifies for a 15-  
28 year award payment when the volunteer:  
29 (i) has served 15 years as an active volunteer after  
30 January 1, 1955; and  
31 (ii) is at least age 60.
- 32 (B) A volunteer who qualifies under this paragraph must receive  
33 an award payment of \$10.37 per month for life for each year  
34 of service as an active volunteer.
- 35 (4) Volunteers Who Qualify in 1985 or Later — 10 Years of Service
- 36 (A) Effective January 1, 1985, a volunteer qualifies for a 10-  
37 year award payment when the volunteer:  
38 (i) has served 10 years as an active volunteer; and  
39 (ii) is at least age 65.
- 40 (B) A volunteer who qualifies under this paragraph must receive  
41 an award payment of \$10.37 per month for life for each year  
42 of service as an active volunteer.
- 43 (5) All years of service, including past years of service, must be  
44 included.
- 45 (6) A volunteer who meets the criteria under paragraph (7) of this  
46 subsection must receive;  
47 (A) a 7.5 percent increase to his or her LOSAP benefit payment  
48 effective July 1, 2023[, for a maximum LOSAP monthly  
49 benefit payment of no more than \$466.16 if the volunteer:];  
50 (B) effective July 1, 2024, a 4 percent increase to their LOSAP  
51 benefit payment based on LOSAP point totals on December  
52 31, 2023; and

53 (C) effective July 1, 2025, a 4 percent increase to their LOSAP  
54 benefit payment based on LOSAP point totals on December  
55 31, 2024.

56 (7) A volunteer must receive the benefit increases under paragraph (6)  
57 of this Section if the volunteer:

58 (A) received LOSAP benefit payments [as of December 31,  
59 2022] in a prior year; and

60 (B) qualified for the higher nominal fee, as described in Article  
61 12 of the fire and rescue volunteers collective bargaining  
62 agreement, for calendar year 2022, 2023, or 2024,  
63 respectively, by:

64 (i) being on the Integrated Emergency Command  
65 Structure (IECS) certified list;

66 (ii) receiving 30 LOSAP points for department or station  
67 responses; and

68 (iii) receiving 20 LOSAP points for sleep-in or stand-by  
69 service.

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71 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date [[or Effective Date]].** The Council declares  
72 that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest.  
73 This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.

*Approved:*



March 17, 2026

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Natali Fani-González, President, County Council

Date

*Approved:*

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Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

Date