Expedited Bill No. 17-17 Concerning: Landlord-Tenant Relations Duties of Director – Licensing of Rental Housing - Fees Revised: <u>06/20/2017</u> Draft No. Introduced: May 16, 2017 June 20, 2017 Enacted: June 29, 2017 Executive: July 1, 2017 Effective: Sunset Date: None Ch. 17 , Laws of Mont. Co.

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsors: Council President Berliner and Councilmember Elrich Co-sponsor: Councilmember Hucker

## AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) require the Director of Housing and Community Affairs to provide certain advocacy services and assistance to tenants;
- (2) set the amount of the annual license fee per dwelling unit for each class of rental housing; and
- (3) generally amend the law related to landlord-tenant relations.

## By amending

Montgomery County Code Chapter 29, Landlord – Tenant Relations Sections 29-6 and 29-20

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Existing law unaffected by bill.

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

| 1   | Sec. 1. Sections 27-0 and 27-20 are amended as follows.                                |  |  |
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| 2   | 29-6. Duties of Director.  |  |  |
| 3   | In addition to any other power, duty, or responsibility assigned in this Chapter,      |  |  |
| 4   | the Director has the following duties:   |  |  |
| 5   |  | * * *  |  |
| 6   | <u>(i)</u>   | The Director must provide advocacy services and assistance to tenants in   |  |
| 7   |  | relation to their rights under this Chapter.                               |  |
| 8 , |  | * * *  |  |
| 9   | 29-20. Fees  | <b>5.</b>  |  |
| 10  | [The   | County Executive must establish an annual license fee per dwelling unit    |  |
| 11  | for each class of rental housing license by regulation under method (3) in an amount   |  |  |
| 12  | sufficient to pay the costs of administering this Chapter.] The annual license fee per |  |  |
| 13  | dwelling unit is:  |  |  |
| 14  | (a)  | for a Class 1 multi-family rental facility license:                        |  |
| 15  |  | (1) \$44.00 per dwelling unit in an apartment complex or an accessory      |  |
| 16  |  | apartment approved by special exception; and                               |  |
| 17  |  | (2) \$59.00 per dwelling unit for all others;                              |  |
| 18  | <u>(b)</u>   | for a Class 2 single-family rental facility license, \$101.00 per dwelling |  |
| 19  |  | unit;  |  |
| 20  | <u>(c)</u>   | for a Class 3 accessory apartment license \$101.00 per unit.               |  |
| 21  | The Executive may establish a higher annual fee by method (3) regulation in an amount  |  |  |
| 22  | sufficient to pay the costs of administering this Chapter,                             |  |  |
| 23  | Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.  |  |  |
| 24  | The  | Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate      |  |
| 25  | protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on July 1, 2017.              |  |  |

| Approved:                                 | 6/22/17        |
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| Roger Berliner, President, County Council | Date           |
| Approved:                                 |                |
| Isiah Leggett, Coupty Executive           | June J. 7 2017 |
| This is a correct copy of Council action. |                |
| Jinda M. Lauer                            | 7/3/17         |
| Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council      | Date           |