

Clerk's note: On line 33, "%" was added after "2.5" for deletion, and "total" was added after "maximum" for deletion from the current law. On line 37, "%" was added after "2.5" for deletion from the current law.

Expedited Bill No. 41-23
Concerning: Fire and Rescue Services -
Length of Service Awards Program
For Volunteers - Amendments
Revised: 02/06/2024 Draft No. 2
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Ch. 2, Laws of Mont. Co. 2024

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the County Executive

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

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

By amending

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

Boldface	<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:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 21-21 is amended as follows:**

2 **21-21. Length of service award program for volunteers**

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4 (c) *Length of service benefits.*

5 (1) Volunteers Who Qualified Before 1985. Effective January 1,
6 1985, any volunteer who qualified for a monthly award payment
7 before January 1, 1985, must receive monthly award payments
8 equal to 150 percent of the pre-1985 monthly award payment.
9 Effective [June 20, 2021] July 1, 2023, any volunteer who
10 receives a monthly award payment under this subsection must
11 receive [[a]] [3%] an 8 percent increase in the amount of the
12 monthly award.

13 (2) Volunteers Who Qualify in 1985 or Later – 25 Years of Service.

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15 (B) A volunteer who qualifies under this paragraph must
16 receive an award payment of:

17 (i) [\$240] \$259.20 per month for life; and

18 (ii) [\$12.05] \$13.01 per month for life for each year of
19 service as an active volunteer over 25 years (up to
20 [\$120.51] \$130.10 per month). The maximum total
21 benefit is [\$360.51] \$389.35 per month.

22 (3) Volunteers Who Qualify in 1985 or Later – 15 Years of Service.

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24 (B) A volunteer who qualifies under this paragraph must
25 receive an award payment of [\$9.60] \$10.37 per month for
26 life for each year of service as an active volunteer.

27 (4) Volunteers who Qualify in 1985 or Later – 10 Years of Service.

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(B) A volunteer who qualifies under this paragraph must receive an award payment of [~~\$9.60~~] \$10.37 per month for life for each year of service as an active volunteer.

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(6) A volunteer must receive a [2.5% increase, for a maximum total benefit of no more than \$382.18 per month, to his or her LOSAP benefit payment effective June 20, 2021, a 2.5% increase effective July 1, 2021, for a maximum LOSAP monthly benefit payment of no more than \$391.73, and a 2.5%] 7.5 percent increase to his or her LOSAP benefit payment effective July 1, [2022] 2023, for a maximum LOSAP monthly benefit payment of no more than [~~\$401.52~~] \$466.16 if [he or she] the volunteer:

(A) received LOSAP benefit payments as of December 31, [2019] 2022; and

(B) qualified for the higher nominal fee as described in Article 12 of the fire and rescue volunteers collective bargaining agreement, for calendar year [2019] 2022 by:

- (i) being on the Integrated Emergency Command Structures (IECS) certified list;
- (ii) receiving 30 LOSAP points for department and station responses; and
- (iii) receiving 20 LOSAP points for sleep-in or stand-by service.

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53 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.** The Council declares that this legislation
54 is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes
55 effect on the date on which it becomes law.

Approved: 

February 6, 2024

Andrew Friedson, President, County Council

Date

Approved:



February 15, 2024

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



February 15, 2024

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

Date