

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2019-12

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2019

**Title of Resolution:** Supplemental Appropriation – Volunteer Fire Service – Vehicle Replacement Program

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide the Volunteer Fire Service Department's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$225,000 to be expended for the County's match portion towards the Vehicle Replacement Program.

**Introduced by:** Council President on behalf of the County Executive

**Introduced and order posted on:** June 18, 2019

**Consideration scheduled on:** July 2, 2019

By:   
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by June 18, 2019 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on July 2, 2019.

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**Explanation:** CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.  
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.  
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.  
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2019, the  
2 County Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2020; and

3           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held  
4 public hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2020; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 4, 2019, the  
6 Budget for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2020; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2020 revenue estimate for Cecil  
8 County to increase use of the Assigned Fund Balance for Volunteer Fire Company Vehicle Replacement  
9 Program by \$225,000 to allow the following appropriation within the General Fund:

10           The addition of \$225,000 in expenditures for the Volunteer Fire Service Vehicle  
11 Replacement Program; during FY2019 the program was budgeted \$225,000 to match the  
12 engine purchase for the Chesapeake City Fire Company; the fire company placed the order  
13 for the engine, but due to the long lead time, the engine has not been received; the County  
14 Executive has assigned the unspent funds as part of the FY2019 financial statements in  
15 order to provide the availability of the FY2019 operating funds when the engine is received  
16 in FY2020; and

17           **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$225,000 of the County Executive's  
18 FY2019 assigned fund balance for the General Fund for expenditures.

19           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
20 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal  
21 Year 2020 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation and by amending the Current Budget  
22 to appropriate \$225,000 of additional expenditures in the General Fund to the Volunteer Fire Service  
23 Department's budget.

24           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that  
25 this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by the County Council of Cecil County,  
26 Maryland.

**INTRODUCED: June 18, 2019**

**ADOPTED: July 2, 2019**

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President of the Council

ATTEST:

  
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Council Manager



# CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

## FISCAL NOTE

### SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President Meffley at the request of the County Executive

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** The approval of this bill will have a net fiscal impact on the Cecil County of \$225,000, by expending the FY2019 assigned fund balance designated by the County Executive to provide additional funding for the Volunteer Fire Company Vehicle Replacement Program.

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### FISCAL ANALYSIS:

In the FY2019 budget, the VFC Vehicle Replacement Program provided funding for the match for Chesapeake City Fire Company to purchase an engine. The fire company placed the order for the engine, but will not take ownership of the vehicle until after June 30, 2019.

The County Executive has stated going forward he would do what was fiscally reasonable for the County to do to help the Volunteer Fire Service vehicle replacements. The first of which is to hold the VCF's harmless and assign the funding that they were budgeted and did not use in any given fiscal year, and make it available for their use in the following year. In other words, once funding is budgeted to replace fire equipment, the funding will remain committed to the Volunteer Fire Service until expended.

Although the County Executive has the power to assign fund balance, the Council, per Charter, must approve changes to the approved budget.

Please note the County's match to a fire engine is currently \$325,000. FY2018's assignments included \$100,000 to go towards FY2019 vehicle purchases, thus a portion of the match needed for the Chesapeake City engine is already committed.