

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

2025 Legislative Session

Bill 2025-03

**The Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Tax Rate (Corrections to
Charles County Code, Chapter 54)**

Introduced by Charles County Commissioners

For the purpose of Correcting a scrivener's error in citing the tax rate in the County Code; to add the Charles County Association of Emergency Medical Services, Inc. by amending Chapter 54-1.1 Operational funding generally; Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners; by amending Chapter 54-10 Benefit adjustments upon annual review; certification lists Code of Charles County, Maryland (2013 Edition)

Date introduced: 03/25/2025

Public Hearing: 09/30/2025 Virtual and In-Person @ 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Action: 09/30/2025

Commissioner Votes: RBC: Y, GB: Y, TC: Y, AS: Y, RP: Y

Pass/Fail: Pass

Effective Date: 11/14/2025

Remarks: _____

NOTE: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing text.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Code of Charles County, Maryland
(2013 Edition)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County,
Maryland read as follows:**

Chapter 54-1.1

Operational funding generally; Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners

- A. The County Commissioners shall levy for each fiscal year a fire, rescue, and emergency medical services tax at the rate of [\$6.4] ~~\$0.064~~ per \$100 of assessed value of all taxable real property other than operating real property of a public utility and \$0.16 per \$100 of assessed value of all personal property and operating real property of a public utility in Charles County.

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Chapter 54-10

Benefit adjustments upon annual review; certification lists

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- B. It is the responsibility of each participating volunteer fire company, volunteer rescue squad, volunteer mobile intensive care unit, or volunteer dive rescue unit to maintain detailed and accurate records of each volunteer member on forms prescribed by the Executive Committee of the Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., ~~THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHARLES COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.~~, and approved by the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners.

1 C. Submission and review of certification lists.

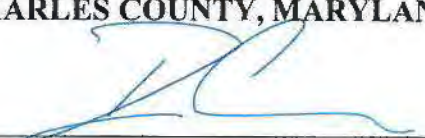
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3 (1) Each February 15, and each February 15 thereafter, the Board of Directors of each
4 volunteer fire company, volunteer rescue squad, volunteer mobile intensive care
5 unit, or volunteer dive rescue unit shall furnish to the Executive Committee of the
6 Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., **AND TO THE EXECUTIVE**
7 **COMMITTEE OF THE CHARLES COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY**
8 **MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.**, a statement under oath certifying all volunteers of the
9 department, company, squad, or unit who have qualified for credit for the previous
10 year. Each statement shall contain all members' ages, previous credits earned, and
11 other information as may be required by the Executive Committee.

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14 (2) Upon receipt of this statement, the Executive Committee of the Charles County
15 Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., **AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF**
16 **THE CHARLES COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL**
17 **SERVICES, INC.** shall review the list of each company or unit and furnish a copy
18 thereof to the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners, together with a certification
19 as to the accuracy of each list, by April 15 of each year. After the Board of Fire and
20 Rescue Commissioners approves the certified list, it shall forward a copy of each
21 approved list to the department, company, squad, or unit concerned by May 15 of
22 each year. These lists shall be posted in a conspicuous place within each department,
23 squad, company, or unit building for a period of not less than 30 days

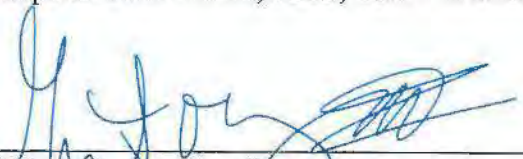
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27 **SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that this act shall take effect forty-
28 five (45) calendar days after it is adopted.

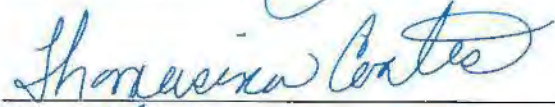
ADOPTED this 30th day of September, 2025.

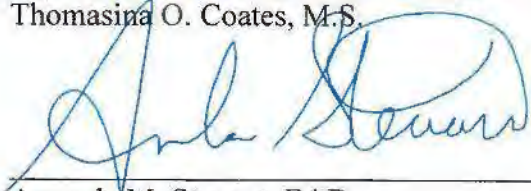
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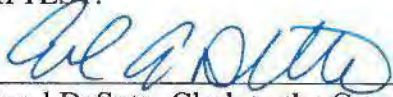

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