

**Committee:** GO

Committee Review: At a future date

**Staff:** Christine Wellons, Legislative Attorney **Purpose:** To receive testimony – no vote expected

Keywords: #TaxRevenue

AGENDA ITEM #7 February 1, 2022 **Public Hearing** 

#### **SUBJECT**

Expedited Bill 2-22, Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program – Amendments

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

#### **EXPECTED ATTENDEES**

**Public Speakers** 

#### **COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

• To receive testimony – no vote expected

#### **DESCRIPTION/ISSUE**

Expedited Bill 2-22 would:

- (1) alter the calculation of reimbursements to municipalities for eligible costs;
- (2) alter the requirements for municipalities to participate in the municipal revenue program;
- (3) provide for a timeline of when certain reimbursement activities must be accomplished;
- (4) amend reimbursements for the City of Takoma Park police services;
- (5) provide for a phased-in implementation period; and
- (6) generally amend the law related to the Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program.

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#### MEMORANDUM

January 27, 2022

TO: County Council

FROM: Christine Wellons, Legislative Attorney

SUBJECT: Expedited Bill 2-22, Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program -

Amendments

PURPOSE: Public Hearing – No Council vote required

Expedited Bill 2-22, Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program – Amendments, sponsored by the Council President at the request of the County Executive, was introduced on January 11, 2022. A public hearing is scheduled for February 1, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. A worksession of the GO Committee will be scheduled for a future date. <sup>1</sup>

#### Expedited Bill 2-22 would:

- (1) alter the calculation of reimbursements to municipalities for eligible costs;
- (2) alter the requirements for municipalities to participate in the municipal revenue program;
- (3) provide for a timeline of when certain reimbursement activities must be accomplished;
- (4) amend reimbursements for the City of Takoma Park police services;
- (5) provide for a phased-in implementation period; and
- (6) generally amend the law related to the Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program.

#### BACKGROUND

The County Executive's office has explained the goals of Expedited Bill 2-22 as follows: "The codification of municipal tax duplication formulas is a long overdue request from our municipalities. Chapter 30A of the County Code creates a program that allows reimbursements to municipalities for those public services provided by municipalities that would otherwise be provided by the County. This reimbursement program addresses the issue of property tax duplication since both the County and the municipality levy a property tax, but only the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>#TaxRevenue

municipality provides that service within its jurisdiction. The County Executive is proposing revised formulas after negotiations with municipal leaders."

#### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

Under Expedited Bill 2-22, a municipality would be reimbursed by the County based upon the County Executive's approximation of the costs that the County would incur if it were to provide the municipality with transportation, police, crossing guards, and park maintenance services.

For transportation expenses, the reimbursements would be equal to the County's average per mile or per item expenditures for the three most recent fiscal years multiplied by the number of miles or items in each municipality.

For park maintenance expenses, reimbursements for FY23 would be as follows:

- for Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase: \$4,800
- for the Town of Chevy Chase: \$11,453
- for the Village of Friendship Heights: \$89,813
- for the Town of Kensington: \$46,242; and
- for the City of Takoma Park: \$93,942.

These park maintenance reimbursements would increase on an annual basis based upon the Consumer Price Index.

Police expenses generally would be based upon "the costs the County would incur to provide police services in the municipality if the municipality did not provide police services, as determined by a quadrennial utilization assessment performed by the County, except that in no event [would] the reimbursement to any municipality providing such services be less than an amount equivalent to the cost to the County of one full-time officer." Specifically, regarding the City of Tacoma Park, the annual reimbursement amount would be required to be at least \$4,020,521.

For Crossing Guards, reimbursements would be based upon "the costs the County would incur to provide crossing guard services in the municipality as determined by a quadrennial utilization assessment performed by the County."

All reimbursements would be subject to appropriation by the County Council.

The bill also would specify the following annual timeline for municipal reimbursements:

- By September 15, the County would notify the municipalities of required documentation for the upcoming fiscal year;
- By November 15, the municipality would provide to the County a certification with the required supporting documentation;
- By February 15, the County would notify the municipalities of the anticipated reimbursement amount for the upcoming fiscal year; and
- By October 1, reimbursement payments for the relevant fiscal year would be paid.

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| Expedited Bill No.         | 2-22               |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Concerning: Montgomery     | County             |
| Municipal Revenue          | Program -          |
| Amendments                 |                    |
| Revised: January 5, 2022 D | )raft No. <u>1</u> |
| Introduced: January 11, 2  | 022                |
| Expires:                   |                    |
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| Effective:                 |                    |
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# COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

#### **AN EXPEDITED ACT to:**

- (1) alter the calculation of reimbursements to municipalities for eligible costs;
- (2) alter the requirements for municipalities to participate in the municipal revenue program;
- (3) provide for a timeline of when certain reimbursement activities must be accomplished;
- (4) amend reimbursements for the City of Takoma Park police services;
- (5) provide for a phased-in implementation period; and
- (6) generally amend the law related to the Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program.

#### By amending

Montgomery County Code Chapter 30A, Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program Sections 30A-1, 30A-2, 30A-3, 30A-4, 30A-5, and 30A-6

Chapter 35, Police Section 35-5

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Added to existing law by original bill.

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Double underlining
Added by amendment.

[[Double boldface brackets]]
Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.

Existing law unaffected by bill.

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

| 1  | Sec.        | 1. Sect        | ions 30A-1, 30A-2, 30A-3, 30A-4, 30A-5, and 30A-6, and Section        |
|----|-------------|----------------|---|
| 2  | 35-5 are an | nendec         | d as follows:   |
| 3  | 30A-1. Est  | ablish         | ed.   |
| 4  | There       | e is he        | reby established a program to reimburse municipalities within the     |
| 5  | [cour       | nty] <u>Co</u> | <u>ounty</u> for those public services provided by the municipalities |
| 6  | which       | h woul         | ld otherwise be provided by the [county] County government.           |
| 7  | 30A-2. Qua  | alificat       | tion of municipal public services for county reimbursement.           |
| 8  | Mun         | icipal p       | public services shall qualify for county reimbursement if the         |
| 9  | follo       | wing c         | onditions are met:  |
| 10 |             | (1)            | [The] the municipality provides the service to its residents and      |
| 11 |             |                | taxpayers[,];   |
| 12 |             | (2)            | the service would be provided by the [county] County if it were       |
| 13 |             |                | not provided by the municipality[,];                                  |
| 14 |             | (3)            | except for police services, the service is not actually provided by   |
| 15 |             |                | the [county] County within the municipality; [and]                    |
| 16 |             | (4)            | the comparable [county] County service is funded from tax             |
| 17 |             |                | revenues derived partially from taxpayers in the participating        |
| 18 |             |                | municipality; and   |
| 19 |             | <u>(5)</u>     | the municipality actually funds the service.                          |
| 20 | 30A-3. Det  | ermin          | ation of amount of reimbursement.                                     |
| 21 | <u>(a)</u>  | <u>In</u> ge   | neral. Subject to the provisions of section 30A-4 and subsections     |
| 22 |             | (b) th         | nrough (e) of this section, each participating municipality shall be  |
| 23 |             | reiml          | oursed by an amount determined by the [county executive] County       |
| 24 |             | Exec           | utive to approximate the amount [of municipal tax revenues            |
| 25 |             | requi          | red to fund the eligible services. The amount of reimbursement        |
| 26 |             | shall          | be limited to the amount the county executive estimates the county    |

| 27 |            | woul         | d expend if it were providing the services I the County would incur |
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| 28 |            | to p         | provide transportation, police, crossing guards, and park           |
| 29 |            | main         | tenance services in the municipality.                               |
| 30 | <u>(b)</u> | <u>Tran</u>  | sportation. For transportation-related expenses, reimbursements     |
| 31 |            | must         | be equal to the County's average per mile or per item expenditures  |
| 32 |            | for th       | ne three most recent fiscal years multiplied by the number of miles |
| 33 |            | or ite       | ems in each municipality.   |
| 34 | <u>(c)</u> | <u>Park</u>  | maintenance. For park maintenance related expenses:                 |
| 35 |            | <u>(1)</u>   | reimbursements for fiscal year 2023 must be:                        |
| 36 |            |              | (A) for Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase: \$4,800;           |
| 37 |            |              | (B) for the Town of Chevy Chase: \$11,453;                          |
| 38 |            |              | (C) for the Village of Friendship Heights: \$89,813;                |
| 39 |            |              | (D) for the Town of Kensington: \$46,242; and                       |
| 40 |            |              | (E) for the City of Takoma Park: \$93,942; and                      |
| 41 |            | <u>(2)</u>   | reimbursements for subsequent fiscal years must be increased        |
| 42 |            |              | above the amounts specified under paragraph (1) by the annual       |
| 43 |            |              | percentage change to the Consumer Price Index for the               |
| 44 |            |              | Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area, as determined by the United     |
| 45 |            |              | States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.             |
| 46 | <u>(d)</u> | <u>Polic</u> | ee. Subject to Section 35-5, reimbursements for police expenses     |
| 47 |            | must         | be the greater of an amount equal to:                               |
| 48 |            | <u>(1)</u>   | the costs the County would incur to provide police services in      |
| 49 |            |              | the municipality if the municipality did not provide police         |
| 50 |            |              | services, as determined by a quadrennial utilization assessment     |
| 51 |            |              | performed by the County; or   |
| 52 |            | <u>(2)</u>   | the cost to the County of one full-time officer.                    |

53 (e) Crossing guards. For Crossing Guards, reimbursements must be
54 based on the costs the County would incur to provide crossing guard
55 services in the municipality as determined by a quadrennial utilization
56 assessment performed by the County.

## **30A-4.** Limitations on expenditures.

All expenditures by the [county] <u>County</u> under the authority of this chapter shall be subject to the limits of the funds appropriated by the [county council] County Council.

# 30A-5. [Application to participate in program] <u>Timeline of annual certifications, notifications, and payments.</u>

- (a) No later than September 15 of the preceding fiscal year, in accordance with Section 6-305(f) of the Tax-Property Article of the Maryland Code, the County will advise all municipalities within the County of any reasonable supporting documentation required to provide sufficient detail for the County to calculate the reimbursement.
- (b) Any municipality within the [county] <u>County</u> which desires to participate in the [county] <u>County</u> municipal revenue program [shall] will submit not later than November 15 of [each] <u>the preceding fiscal</u> year to the [county] <u>County</u> [an application which shall be in such form and contain such information as may be required by the county executive] a <u>certification of eligible services and the documentation required under subsection (a)</u>.
- (c) The County will notify each municipality of the reimbursement amounts it will receive in each fiscal year no later than February 15 of the preceding fiscal year.

- 78 (d) Reimbursement payments to municipalities will be made once per year,
  79 no later than October 1 of that fiscal year.
  - (e) The County will provide each municipality participating in the municipal revenue program with the calculations supporting the reimbursement payment.

# 30A-6. County tax rate in certain municipalities.

- Reduced tax rate. Pursuant to [section] Section 6-305 of the Tax-Property Article[, Annotated Code of] the Maryland Code, before June 30 the [county council] County Council may set for the coming taxable year a general [county] County property tax rate on assessments of properties in any municipality at a rate that is less than the general [county] County tax rate on assessments of properties in parts of the [county] County outside of the municipality if the municipality:
  - (1) [Lies] <u>lies</u> partly in Montgomery County and partly in another county;
  - (2) [Performs] <u>performs</u> fire and rescue services in whole or in part in lieu of the county performing those services; and
  - (3) [The] the conditions in subsection (d) are met.
- (b) *Performance of services*. The municipality may perform fire and rescue services by actually providing the services or by paying for all or part of the costs and expenses of fire and rescue services.
- (c) Amount of tax rate. The general County property tax rate on assessments of properties in the municipality must be less than the general County property tax rate on assessments outside of the municipality by the amount of the tax rate established for the Fire Tax District for the same taxable year.

- 104 (d) Conditions for reduced rate. The municipality, on or before June 15,
  105 must present satisfactory written evidence to the County Council
  106 demonstrating that the municipality for the coming taxable year:
  - (1) [Has] <u>has</u> levied a general municipal property tax on all assessments of properties in the municipality equal to the tax rate proposed to be set for the Fire Tax District for the coming taxable year; and
  - (2) [Will] will collect and remit to Montgomery County the full amount of taxes imposed on assessments of properties in the municipality under paragraph (d)(1) in partial payment of the costs and expenses of providing fire and rescue services in the municipality.
  - (e) Allocation of funds. Taxes received from the municipality must be allocated by the County as follows:
    - (1) [Taxes] <u>taxes</u> on assessments of properties in the Montgomery County section of the municipality will be placed in the General Fund.
    - (2) [Taxes] <u>taxes</u> on assessments of properties in the other county's section of the municipality will be placed in the Fire Tax District Fund.

## 35-5. Takoma Park [Rebate] reimbursement.

(a) If the County [and the City of Takoma Park agree that the substation located in the City is abolished, the County] does not provide police protection in the City of Takoma Park, and the City provides its own citywide police protection, [the Director of Finance must, during each fiscal year that this agreement is in effect, pay to the City treasurer, in

quarterly installments, that portion of the revenue from the County tax levied on each \$100.00 of assessable:

- (1) personal property in the City which is produced by 12 cents of the tax rate levied on personal property; and
- (2) real property in the City which is produced by 4.8 cents of the tax rate levied on real property] reimbursements to the City for police services must be the greater of the amount calculated under Section 30A-3 or \$4,020,521.
- (b) If [any agreement referred to in subsection (a) is terminated or modified] the County resumes police services in the City of Takoma

  Park after a fiscal year begins, the amount paid under [it] subsection (a) must be prorated according to the number of days in that fiscal year that the [agreement has been in effect] County provides the services.
- (c) Nothing in this Section limits the jurisdiction of the County police in the City of Takoma Park.
- **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.** The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.
- Sec. 3. Transition. The County Executive may phase in the implementation of Section 1 of this Act over a three-year period after the effective date. In fiscal year 2023, subject to Section 30A-4, the County must fund the reimbursements at no less than 80% of the amounts specified under Section 1. In fiscal year 2024, subject to Section 30A-4, the County must fund the reimbursements at no less than 90% of the amounts specified under Section 1. Beginning in fiscal year 2025, the County must fully fund the reimbursements specified under Section 1, subject to Section 30A-4.

#### LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

## Bill No. 2-22 Municipal Tax Duplication Bill

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Bill 2-22 will codify the calculation of property tax reimbursements to municipalities for eligible costs; alter the requirements for municipalities to participate in the program; provide for a timeline of when certain reimbursement activities must be accomplished; eliminate the duplicative rebate program for the City of Takoma Park police services; and provide a phased implementation for reimbursement by FY 2025.

**PROBLEM:** 

The codification of municipal tax duplication formulas is a long overdue request from our municipalities. Chapter 30A of the County Code creates a program that allows reimbursements to municipalities for those public services provided by municipalities that would otherwise be provided by the County. This reimbursement program addresses the issue of property tax duplication since both the County and the municipality levy a property tax, but only the municipality provides that service within its jurisdiction. The County Executive is proposing revised formulas after negotiations with municipal leaders.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Implement a negotiated agreement with Municipal leaders on municipal tax duplication reimbursement. Municipalities will be reimbursed on expenditures on transportation maintenance, police and crossing guard services, and parks maintenance.

COORDINATION: Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League

The Office of the County Executive

FISCAL IMPACT: Office of Management and Budget

ECONOMIC: IMPACT

**EVALUATION:** N/A

**EXPERIENCE:** N/A

**ELSEWHERE** 

**SOURCE OF** 

**INFORMATION**: Ken Hartman, Director of Strategic Partnership

**APPLICATION** 

WITHIN

**MUNICIPALITIES:** YES

**PENALTIES:** 



#### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

#### MEMORANDUM

December 23, 2021

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President

County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive

SUBJECT: Bill XX-22, Municipal Tax Duplication

I am transmitting the attached Bill XX-22, Municipal Tax Duplication for the Council's consideration.

The codification of municipal tax duplication formulas is a long overdue need for our municipalities. Since June, Executive Branch representatives have met bi-weekly with the Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League to develop the formulas and draft Bill. I thank our municipal leaders for a constructive partnership throughout the process. The attached Bill represents our shared consensus on the best path forward. It builds upon my efforts to improve the process as introduced in my FY 2021 recommended budget and includes funding for all municipal police activities for the first time.

Under this Bill, municipal expenditures on transportation maintenance, police and crossing guard services, and parks maintenance will be reimbursed by the County. These services benefit all County residents and would be provided by the County if the municipality did not provide them. Municipalities noted that previous reimbursements included animal control, elderly services, and human rights services and have compromised on not including them if there is a commitment to the full implementation strategy proposed in this Bill.

In addition to codifying the calculation of property tax reimbursements to municipalities for eligible costs, the Bill also alters the requirements for municipalities to participate in the program and provides for a timeline of certain reimbursement activities. It eliminates the duplicative rebate program for the City of Takoma Park police services and provides a phased implementation for reimbursement by FY 2025.

I look forward to the Council's favorable consideration and am committed to fund the property tax duplication reimbursement as set forth in the Bill in my recommended FY 2023 budget. I thank Councilmember Katz for his leadership on this matter and fully support Councilmember Navarro's introduction of a \$5 million special appropriation to the County Government's FY 2022 Operating Budget for reimbursements for property tax duplication to municipalities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

| Bill No. XX – 22, Municipal |
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| Tax Duplication Bill        |
| Concerning:                 |
| Revised:Draft No            |
| Introduced:                 |
| Expires:                    |
| Enacted:                    |
| Executive:                  |
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| Sunset Date:                |
| Ch. , Laws of Mont. Co.     |

# COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

#### AN ACT to:

- (1) codify the calculation of reimbursements to municipalities for eligible costs;
- (2) alter the requirements for municipalities to participate in the program;
- (3) provide for a timeline of when certain reimbursement activities must be accomplished;
- (4) eliminate the duplicative rebate program for the City of Takoma Park police services; and
- (5) provide a phased implementation for reimbursement by FY 2025.

#### By amending

Montgomery County Code Chapter 30A, Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program Sections 30A-1 through 30A-6

Chapter 35, Police Section 35-5

**Boldface** *Heading or a defined term.* 

<u>Underlining</u> *Added to existing law by original bill.*[Single boldface brackets]

\*\*Deleted from existing law by original bill.

<u>Double underlining</u>

Added by amendment.

[[Double boldface brackets]] Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.

\* \* Existing law unaffected by bill.

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

| Bill No. |
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#### 1 Sec 1. Sections 30A-1 through 30A-6 and 35-5 are amended as follows: Sec. 30A-1. Established. 2 3 There is hereby established a program to reimburse municipalities within the [county] County for those public services provided by the municipalities which 4 would otherwise be provided by the [county] County government. 5 Sec. 30A-2. Qualification of municipal public services for [county] County 6 reimbursement. 7 8 Municipal public services shall qualify for [county] County reimbursement if the following conditions are met: 9 [(1)](a) [The] the municipality provides the service to its residents and 10 11 taxpayers, [(2)](b) the service would be provided by the [county] County if it were 12 not provided by the municipality, 13 [(3)](c) except for police services, the service is not actually provided 14 by the [county] County within the municipality, [and] 15 [(4)](d) the comparable [county] County service is funded from tax 16 revenues derived partially from taxpayers in the participating 17 municipality, and 18 19 (e) the municipality actually funds the services. Sec. 30A-3. Determination of amount of reimbursement. 20 Subject to the provisions of section 30A-4, each participating 21 (a) municipality shall be reimbursed by an amount determined by the 22 [county executive] County Executive to approximate the amount [of 23 municipal tax revenues required to fund the eligible services. The 24 amount of reimbursement shall be limited to the amount the county 25

executive estimates the county would expend if it were providing the 26 services] the County would incur to provide transportation, police, 27 28 crossing guards, and park maintenance services in that municipality. For transportation-related expenses, reimbursements must be equal to 29 (b) the County's average per mile or per item expenditures for the three 30 most recent fiscal years multiplied by the number of miles or items in 31 each municipality. 32 For park maintenance related expenses: 33 (c) reimbursements for Fiscal Year 2023 must be as follows: 34 (1) (A) for Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase: \$4,800 35 for the Town of Chevy Chase: (B) \$11,453 36 (C) for the Village of Friendship Heights: \$89,813 37 for the Town of Kensington: (D) \$46,242 38 for the City of Takoma Park: 39 (E) \$93,942 (2) for all subsequent fiscal years, the amounts set forth above must 40 be increased in an amount equal to the amount of the annual 41 percentage change to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the 42 preceding 12-month period using the CPI issued for the 43 Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area by the United States 44 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 45 (d) Subject to Section 35-5, for Police, reimbursements must be based on 46 the costs the County would incur to provide police services in the 47 municipality if the municipality did not provide police services, as 48 determined by a quadrennial utilization assessment performed by the 49 County, except that in no event may the reimbursement to any

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| 51 | municipality providing such services be less than an amount equivalent |
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| 52 | to the cost to the County of one full-time officer.                    |

- (e) For Crossing Guards, reimbursements must be based on the costs the

  County would incur to provide crossing guard services in the

  municipality as determined by a quadrennial utilization assessment

  performed by the County.
- Sec. 30A-4. Limitations on expenditures.

All expenditures by the [county] <u>County</u> under the authority of this chapter shall be subject to the limits of the funds appropriated by the [county council] <u>County</u> Council.

- Sec. 30A-5. [Application to participate in program] <u>Timeline of annual certification, notification, and payment.</u>
  - (a) No later than September 15 of the preceding fiscal year, in accordance with Maryland Code Section 6-305(f), the County shall advise all municipalities within the County of any reasonable supporting documentation required to provide sufficient detail for the County to calculate the reimbursement.
  - (b) Any municipality within the [county] <u>County</u> which desires to participate in the [county] <u>County</u> municipal revenue program shall submit not later than November 15 of the preceding fiscal year [of each year] to the [county an application which shall be in such form and contain such information as may be required by the county executive] <u>County a certification of eligible services and the supporting documentation requested by the County in Section 30A-5(a) to calculate the reimbursement.</u>

- 76 (c) The County must notify each municipality of the reimbursement
  77 amounts it will receive in each fiscal year no later than February 15 of
  78 the preceding fiscal year.
- 79 (d) Reimbursement payments to municipalities must be made once per 80 year, no later than October 1 of that fiscal year.
  - (e) The County will provide each municipality participating in the municipal revenue program with the calculations supporting the reimbursement payment.

## Sec. 30A-6. County tax rate in certain municipalities.

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- (a) Reduced tax rate. Pursuant to section 6-305 of the Tax-Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, before June 30 the [county council] County Council may set for the coming taxable year a general [county] County property tax rate on assessments of properties in any municipality at a rate that is less than the general [county] County tax rate on assessments of properties in parts of the [county] County outside of the municipality if the municipality:
  - (1) [Lies] <u>lies</u> partly in Montgomery County and partly in another county;
  - (2) [Performs] <u>performs</u> fire and rescue services in whole or in part in lieu of the [county] <u>County</u> performing those services; and
  - (3) [The] the conditions in subsection (d) are met.
- 97 (b) *Performance of services*. The municipality may perform fire and rescue 98 services by actually providing the services or by paying for all or part 99 of the costs and expenses of fire and rescue services.
- 100 (c) Amount of tax rate. The general County property tax rate on

101 assessments of properties in the municipality must be less than the general County property tax rate on assessments outside of the 102 municipality by the county of tax rate established for the Fire Tax 103 District for the same taxable year. 104 Conditions for reduced rate. The municipality, on or before June 15, 105 (d) must present satisfactory written evidence to the County Council 106 demonstrating that the municipality for the coming taxable year: 107 108 (1) [Has] has levied a general municipal property tax on all assessments of properties in the municipality equal to the tax rate 109 proposed to be set for the Fire Tax District for the coming taxable 110 year; and 111 [Will] will collect and remit to Montgomery County the full 112 (2) amount of taxes imposed on assessments of properties in the 113 municipality under paragraph (d)(1) in partial payment of the 114 costs and expenses of providing fire and rescue services in the 115 municipality. 116 Allocation of funds. Taxes received from the municipality must be (e) 117 allocated by the County as follows: 118 [Taxes] taxes on assessments of properties in the Montgomery 119 (1) County section of the municipality will be placed in the General 120

section of the municipality will be placed in the Fire Tax District Fund.

[Taxes] taxes on assessments of properties in the other county's

# Sec. 35-5. Takoma Park [Rebate] Reimbursement.

Fund[.], and

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- (a) If [the County and the City of Takoma Park agree that the substation located in the City is abolished,] the County does not provide police protection in the City of Takoma Park, and the City provides its own citywide police protection, reimbursements to the City of Takoma Park for such police services must be the greater of the calculation set forth in Section 30A-3 or \$4,020,521. [the Director of Finance must, during each fiscal year that this agreement is in effect, pay to the City treasurer, in quarterly installments, that portion of the revenue from the County tax levied on each \$100.00 of assessable:
  - (1) personal property in the City which is produced by 12 cents of the tax rate levied on personal property; and
  - (2) real property in the City which is produced by 4.8 cents of the tax rate levied on real property.]
  - (b) If [any agreement referred to in subsection (a) is terminated or modified] the County resumes police protection in the City of Takoma

    Park after a fiscal year begins, the amount paid under [it] Section 30A
    3 must be prorated according to the number of days in that fiscal year during which the County provides police protection [that the agreement has been in effect].
  - (c) Nothing in this Section limits the jurisdiction of the County police in the City of Takoma Park.

## Sec. 2. Phased Implementation Period.

The County Executive may phase in the full implementation of the requirements of Section 1 over a three-year period. In Fiscal Year 2023, subject to Section 30A-4, the County must fund the reimbursements set forth herein at no less

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- than 80%. In Fiscal Year 2024, subject to Section 30A-4, the County must fund the
- reimbursements set forth herein at no less than 90%. For all subsequent years, the
- 153 County must fully fund the reimbursements set forth herein, subject to Section 30A-
- 154 4.
- 155 **Sec. 3. Effective Date.**
- This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.
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# Fiscal Impact Statement Bill XX-22, Chapter 30A—Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program— Amendments

#### 1. Legislative Summary.

Bill XX-22 changes the reimbursement calculation for those public services provided by the municipalities which would otherwise be provided by the County Government.

The bill (1) codifies the calculation of reimbursement to municipalities for eligible cost; (2) alters the requirements for municipalities to participate in the program; (3) provides for a timeline of when certain reimbursement activities must be accomplished; (4) eliminates the duplicative rebate program for the city of Takoma Park police services, and (5) provides a phased implementation for reimbursement by FY25.

2. An estimate of changes in County revenues and expenditures regardless of whether the revenues or expenditures are assumed in the recommended or approved budget. Includes source of information, assumptions, and methodologies used.

According to Bill XX-22 the formulas for the Municipal Tax Duplication shall be as follow:

For transportation related expenses, reimbursement must be equal to the County's average actual per mile or per item expenditures for the three most recent fiscal years multiplied by the number of miles or items in each municipality. For the FY22 Approved Budget, the Transportation reimbursement represented sixty percent of the County's per mile or per item expenditures, multiplied by the number of miles or items in each municipality.

For park maintenance related expenses, the reimbursement will be the amounts specified in the Bill adjusted for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in all subsequent fiscal years.

For police, reimbursements must be based on the cost the County would incur to provide those services. To determine this amount, the County must perform a quadrennial utilization assessment of each municipality providing police services to determine the cost the County would have incurred to perform those eligible services.

For Crossing Guards, reimbursement must be based on the cost the County would incur to provide those services. To determine this amount, the County must perform a quadrennial utilization assessment of each municipality providing crossing guard services to determine the cost the County would have incurred to perform those eligible services.

Table 1 compares the FY22 Approved Payments to Municipalities (\$10,119,832), including the Takoma Park Police Payment NDA, with the calculation proposed by Bill XX-22 at full implementation (\$20,534,146). The total shown reflects a three-year average for transportation related expenses, as specified in the bill. It also includes preliminary FY21 actual expenditures. To the extent that final audited FY21 expenditures differ than what is shown below, the total will change accordingly.

Table 1
Payments to Municipalities FY22 Approved vs. Bill XX-22 at Full Implementation

| Municipality  | TOTAL FY22<br>Current<br>Calculation<br>* | Police    | Crossing<br>Guard | Park    | Transportation | New Bill<br>Calculation-<br>100% ** | Police    | Crossing<br>Guard | Park    | Transportation |
|---|---|-----------|-------------------|---------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------|----------------|
| Brookeville   | 9,792                                     |           |                   |         | 9,792          | 18,983                              |           |                   |         | 18,983         |
| Chevy Chase, Sec. III                                       | 36,899                                    |           |                   | 4,488   | 32,411         | 68,361                              |           |                   | 4,800   | 63,561         |
| Chevy Chase View  | 49,990                                    |           |                   |         | 49,990         | 96,909                              |           |                   |         | 96,909         |
| Chevy Chase Village   | 119,389                                   |           |                   |         | 119,389        | 358,618                             | 127,177   |                   |         | 231,441        |
| Town of Chevy Chase   | 155,664                                   |           |                   | 10,708  | 144,956        | 294,199                             |           |                   | 11,453  | 282,746        |
| Drummond  | 5,587                                     |           |                   |         | 5,587          | 10,831                              |           |                   |         | 10,831         |
| Friendship Heights  | 89,067                                    |           |                   | 84,072  | 4,995          | 113,285                             |           |                   | 89,913  | 23,372         |
| Gaithersburg  | 1,442,171                                 |           |                   |         | 1,442,171      | 4,373,723                           | 1,586,573 |                   |         | 2,787,150      |
| Garrett Park  | 58,709                                    |           |                   |         | 58,709         | 113,811                             |           |                   |         | 113,811        |
| Glen Echo   | 25,142                                    |           |                   |         | 25,142         | 48,739                              |           |                   |         | 48,739         |
| Kensington  | 185,566                                   |           |                   | 43,229  | 142,337        | 322,064                             |           |                   | 46,232  | 275,832        |
| Laytonsville  | 28,612                                    |           |                   |         | 28,612         | 55,466                              |           |                   |         | 55,466         |
| Martin's Additions  | 32,494                                    |           |                   |         | 32,494         | 62,991                              |           |                   |         | 62,991         |
| North Chevy Chase   | 30,582                                    |           |                   |         | 30,582         | 59,285                              |           |                   |         | 59,285         |
| Oakmont   | 3,970                                     |           |                   |         | 3,970          | 7,696                               |           |                   |         | 7,696          |
| Poolesville   | 298,927                                   |           |                   |         | 298,927        | 662,286                             |           |                   |         | 662,286        |
| Rockville   | 2,923,531                                 |           |                   |         | 2,923,531      | 8,241,450                           | 2,653,655 |                   |         | 5,587,795      |
| Somerset  | 68,829                                    |           |                   |         | 68,829         | 132,000                             |           |                   |         | 132,000        |
| Takoma Park   | 3,373,744                                 | 2,757,266 | 269,856           | 87,840  | 258,782        | 5,387,991                           | 4,020,521 | 267,521           | 93,942  | 1,006,007      |
| Washington Grove  | 54,401                                    |           |                   |         | 54,401         | 105,460                             |           |                   |         | 105,460        |
| TOTAL ***   | 8,993,067                                 | 2,757,266 | 269,856           | 230,337 | 5,735,608      | 20,534,146                          | 8,387,926 | 267,521           | 246,341 | 11,632,359     |
| Takoma Park NDA Sec 35-5                                    | 1,126,765                                 |           |                   |         |                |                                     |           |                   |         |                |
| Total FY22 Current<br>Calculation included TP<br>Police NDA | 10,119,832                                |           |                   |         |                |                                     |           |                   |         |                |

<sup>\*</sup> FY22 Approved Budget represents 60% of transportation expenditures calculation, 100% of police and crossing guard calculation (including the Takoma Park Police NDA), and 95% of parks calculation

The bill further allows the County Executive to phase-in the implementation period of the bill provided that the phased in amount is at least 80 percent in FY23, 90 percent in FY24, and 100 percent in FY25 and beyond.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Bill XX-21 represents the cost of the bill at full implementation and does not take into account the phasing in of implementation as specified in the bill.

Table 2 represents payments by Municipality under each level of funding.

Table 2
Phased-in Implementation of Bill XX-22

| Municipality          | FY22 Approved |            |            | FY25 100%<br>Phase-in | Full Phase-in vs.<br>FY22 Approved |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Brookeville           | 9,792         | 15,186     | 17,084     | 18,983                | 9,190                              |
| Chevy Chase, Sec. III | 36,899        | 54,688     | 61,525     | 68,361                | 31,462                             |
| Chevy Chase View      | 49,990        | 77,527     | 87,218     | 96,909                | 46,918                             |
| Chevy Chase Village   | 119,389       | 286,894    | 322,756    | 358,618               | 239,229                            |
| Town of Chevy Chase   | 155,664       | 235,359    | 264,779    | 294,199               | 138,535                            |
| Drummond              | 5,587         | 8,665      | 9,748      | 10,831                | 5,244                              |
| Friendship Heights    | 89,067        | 90,628     | 101,957    | 113,285               | 24,218                             |
| Gaithersburg          | 1,442,171     | 3,498,978  | 3,936,351  | 4,373,723             | 2,931,552                          |
| Garrett Park          | 58,709        | 91,049     | 102,430    | 113,811               | 55,102                             |
| Glen Echo             | 25,142        | 38,992     | 43,865     | 48,739                | 23,597                             |
| Kensington            | 185,566       | 257,651    | 289,858    | 322,064               | 136,497                            |
| Laytonsville          | 28,612        | 44,373     | 49,919     | 55,466                | 26,854                             |
| Martin's Additions    | 32,494        | 50,393     | 56,692     | 62,991                | 30,497                             |
| North Chevy Chase     | 30,582        | 47,428     | 53,357     | 59,285                | 28,703                             |
| Oakmont               | 3,970         | 6,157      | 6,926      | 7,696                 | 3,726                              |
| Poolesville           | 298,927       | 529,829    | 596,057    | 662,286               | 363,359                            |
| Rockville             | 2,923,531     | 6,593,160  | 7,417,305  | 8,241,450             | 5,317,920                          |
| Somerset              | 68,829        | 105,600    | 118,800    | 132,000               | 63,171                             |
| Takoma Park           | 4,500,509     | 4,310,393  | 4,849,192  | 5,387,991             | 887,482                            |
| Washington Grove      | 54,401        | 84,368     | 94,914     | 105,460               | 51,058                             |
| TOTAL                 | 10,119,832    | 16,427,317 | 18,480,732 | 20,534,146            | 10,414,314                         |

Note: For illustrative purposes only. Table 2 assumes constant expenditures for category calculations at the FY23 preliminary calculation level. To the extent that the actual expenditures for each of these categories change in future years, the computation would change accordingly.

Table 3 shows the annual increase in the Payment to Municipalities.

Table 3
Annual Increase in Payments to Municipalities Under Phased Implementation

|  | Total Payment to | Cor | reased Payment<br>mpared to FY22<br>proved | Budget Year |
|--|------------------|-----|--|-------------|
| Total FY22 Approved (including Takoma Park Police NDA) | \$<br>10,119,832 |     |  |             |
| 80% Phase-in   | \$<br>16,427,317 | \$  | 6,307,485                                  | FY23        |
| 90% Phase-in   | \$<br>18,480,732 | \$  | 8,360,900                                  | FY24        |
| 100% Phase-in  | \$<br>20,534,146 | \$  | 10,414,314                                 | FY25        |

3. Revenue and expenditure estimates covering at least the next 6 fiscal years.

Bill XX-22 will not impact County revenues. Table 4 shows the expenditures by fiscal year for the next six fiscal years starting in FY23.

Table 4
Estimated Expenditures Under Bill XX-22

| Annual Payments Increase with Proposed Bill XX-22<br>Compared to FY22 Appropriation |    |             |
|---|----|-------------|
| FY23  | \$ | 16,427,317  |
| FY24  | \$ | 18,480,732  |
| FY25  | \$ | 20,534,146  |
| FY26  | \$ | 20,534,146  |
| FY27  | \$ | 20,534,146  |
| FY28  | \$ | 20,534,146  |
| 6 Year Total  | \$ | 117,044,635 |

4. An actuarial analysis through the entire amortization period for each bill that would affect retiree pension or group insurance costs.

The bill is not expected to impact retiree pension or group insurance costs.

5. An estimate of expenditures related to County's information technology (IT) systems, including Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems.

The bill is not expected to impact the County's IT or ERP systems.

# 6. Later actions that may affect future revenue and expenditures if the bill authorizes future spending.

The bill does not authorize future spending but requires the inclusion of the municipal payment calculation in the Executive's Recommended Budget each year.

#### 7. An estimate of the staff time needed to implement the bill.

The bill is not expected to materially impact staff duties.

# 8. An explanation of how the addition of new staff responsibilities would affect other duties.

The bill is not expected to materially impact staff duties.

#### 9. An estimate of costs when an additional appropriation is needed.

See the answer to Number 3.

#### 10. A description of any variable that could affect revenue and cost estimates.

The bill is not expected to impact County revenues. The cost estimates in this Fiscal Impact Statement use preliminary FY21 actual expenditures. To the extent that final audited FY21 expenditures differ from this amount, the calculated payments would adjust accordingly. Furthermore, for illustrative purposes this estimate assumes that the calculated amount for FY23 (at full implementation) would remain constant for the next six fiscal years. To the extent that future calculations differ from the FY23 calculation because actual County expenditures used in the computation of the payment change, or to the extent that the next quadrennial assessment of police and crossing guard needs differ from current assumptions, the actual payments to municipalities would adjust concomitantly.

#### 11. Ranges of revenue or expenditures that are uncertain or difficult to project.

Not applicable.

#### 12. If a bill is likely to have no fiscal impact, why that is the case.

Not applicable.

#### 13. Other fiscal impacts or comments.

None.

# 14. The following contributed to and concurred with this analysis:

Estela Boronat de Gomes, Office of Management and Budget

Jennifer R. Bryant, Director

Office of Management and Budget

12/23/21

**Date** 

Resolution No.: 13-650

Introduced:

Sept. 10, 1996

Adopted:

Sept. 10, 1996

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

Subject:

County Reimbursements under the Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program - Task Force Report and Recommendations

#### Background

- 1. Chapter 30A of the Montgomery County Code (1994) provides for a program which reimburses municipalities and special taxing districts for those public services provided by the municipalities which would otherwise be provided by the County.
- 2. Reimbursements under Chapter 30A have been made pursuant to a procedure established under Resolution 8-2222, dated October 17, 1978, which was revised and supplemented by Resolution 9-1752, dated April 27, 1982.
- In March 1995 County Executive Douglas M. Duncan appointed County and municipal representatives to serve on the Montgomery County Task Force to Study the Municipal Tax Duplication Reimbursement Program. This Task Force was charged with reviewing the procedures and formulas used to determine the amount of the reimbursements and with making recommendations to improve these procedures and formulas.
- 4. The Task Force submitted its Final Report and recommendations, a copy of which is attached, to County Executive Douglas M. Duncan, on June 5, 1996.
- 5. The goals of the Task Force were to determine:
  - a. Whether the complex formulas used to calculate the reimbursements could be simplified;
  - b. Whether reimbursements could be made in a way that would provide greater

predictability to each municipality in planning the following year's budget;

- c. Whether a single reimbursement could be made.
- 6. The Task Force recommends that the following formulas be used to determine the reimbursements for the following services provided by the municipalities:
  - a. Transportation. Reimbursements shall be a percentage of the County's actual, audited per mile or per item expenditure, multiplied by the number of miles or items in each municipality. The percentage reflects the percentage of the County expenditures that are paid for with property tax revenues.
  - b. Park Maintenance. Reimbursements will be based upon the same formula currently used.
  - c. Code Enforcement. Reimbursements will be based upon the net County property tax supported code enforcement expenditures per dwelling or per parcel.
  - d. Other services. Reimbursements will be based upon the net County property tax supported expenditures.

#### Action

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

- 1. The Final Report of the Task Force to Study the Municipal Tax Duplication Reimbursement Program is accepted and the recommendations, as outlined in the report, are accepted for funding within the Municipal Revenue Program
- 2. The recommendations contained in the Report will be implemented beginning in Fiscal Year 1997.
- 3. Reimbursement payments to municipalities will be made once a year, by October 1.
- 4. Reimbursements for Fiscal Year 1997 will be based upon Fiscal Year 1995 actual, audited expenditures from the County's comprehensive annual financial report.

  Thereafter annual reimbursements will continue to be based upon the actual audited expenditures using a similar two year interval.
- 5. Municipalities will not be required to submit their expenditures but will be required to provide annual certification of eligible services
- 6. The Task Force will meet annually to review the municipal revenue program.

7. To the extent that the County Council is required to meet annually and discuss with each municipality the rate for assessments or the tax reimbursement program, the Council delegates this duty to the County Executive or his delegate, who should then report back to the County Council.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

/S/
Mary A. Edgar, CMC
Secretary of the Council

APPROVED:

/s/

Douglas M. Duncan County Executive

# Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

**EXPEDITED** MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL REVENUE PROGRAM

BILL 2-22: — AMENDMENTS

#### **SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates that Expedited Bill 2-22 will have little to no impact on racial equity or social justice in the County.

#### **PURPOSE OF RESJ IMPACT STATEMENTS**

The purpose of racial equity and social justice (RESJ) impact statements is to evaluate the anticipated impact of legislation on racial equity and social justice in the County. Racial equity and social justice refer to a **process** that focuses on centering the needs of communities of color and low-income communities with a **goal** of eliminating racial and social inequities. Achieving racial equity and social justice usually requires seeing, thinking, and working differently to address the racial and social harms that have caused racial and social inequities.

#### **PURPOSE OF EXPEDITED BILL 2-22**

The purpose of Expedited Bill 2-22 is to codify a negotiated agreement between the Executive Branch and municipal leaders that reimburse them for their costs to deliver transportation, police, crossing guard, and park maintenance services that the County provides to other residents.<sup>3</sup> The municipal revenue program created by Bill 2-22 addresses the challenge of property tax duplication since the County and the following municipalities each levy a property tax, but only the municipality provides these services within its jurisdiction:<sup>4</sup>

- Brookeville
- Chevy Chase Section 3
- Chevy Chase View
- Chevy Chase Village
- Town of Chevy Chase
- Drummond
- Friendship Heights

- Gaithersburg
- Garrett Park
- Glen Echo
- Kensington
- Laytonsville
- Martin's Addition
- North Chevy Chase

- Oakmont
- Poolesville
- Rockville
- Somerset
- Takoma Park
- Washington Grove

When fully implemented, Bill 2-22 will double the County's reimbursement for municipally delivered services from \$10.1 million for FY22 to \$20.5 million.<sup>5</sup> The bill requires an 80 percent phase in for FY23, a 90 percent phase-in for FY24, and a complete phase in for FY25.<sup>6</sup> Expedited Bill 2-22 was introduced to the Council on January 11, 2022.<sup>7</sup>

#### **ANTICIPATED RESJ IMPACTS**

While Expedited Bill 2-22 will transfer \$10.4 million in annual operating funds from the County to 20 municipalities, OLO does not anticipate this bill will impact racial equity and social justice as the demographics of County residents who are losing revenue are comparable to the demographics of the municipalities receiving additional revenue.

Office of Legislative Oversight

January 20, 2022

# **RESJ Impact Statement**

# **Expedited Bill 2-22**

More specifically, about 60 percent of County residents are White, regardless of Hispanic origin, compared to 57 percent of residents in the County's 20 municipalities. Since people of color account for similar shares of residents losing County revenue (non-municipal residents) and receiving County revenue (municipal residents), OLO finds that Expedited Bill 2-22 will yield little to no impact on racial equity and social justice in the County.

#### **CAVEATS**

Two caveats to this racial equity and social justice impact statement should be noted. First, predicting the impact of legislation on racial equity and social justice is a challenging, analytical endeavor due to data limitations, uncertainty, and other factors. Second, this RESJ impact statement is intended to inform the legislative process rather than determine whether the Council should enact legislation. Thus, any conclusion made in this statement does not represent OLO's endorsement of, or objection to, the bill under consideration.

#### **CAVEATS**

OLO staffer Elaine Bonner-Tompkins, Senior Legislative Analyst, drafted this RESJ impact statement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Definition of racial equity and social justice adopted from "Applying a Racial Equity Lends into Federal Nutrition Programs" by Marlysa Gamblin, et.al. Bread for the World, and from Racial Equity Tools <a href="https://www.racialequitytools.org/glossary">https://www.racialequitytools.org/glossary</a>
<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Montgomery County Council, Bill 2-22, Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program – Amendments, Introduced January 11, 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Office of Management and Budget. Montgomery County, Fiscal Impact Statement for Chapter 30-A-Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program – Amendments, included in packet for Expedited Bill 2-22 (Christine Wellons memorandum to County Council, Expedited Bill 2-22, Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program – Amendments, January 11, 2022)
<sup>5</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Montgomery County Council, Bill 2-22

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Christine Wellons memorandum to County Council, Expedited Bill 2-22, Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program – Amendments, January 11, 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> OLO staff analysis of available Census and American Community Survey data by jurisdiction

# **Economic Impact Statement**

Office of Legislative Oversight

# Expedited Bill 2-22

# Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program – Amendments

## **SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates that enacting Expedited Bill 2-22 would have an insignificant impact on economic conditions in the County. By changing the Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program, the Bill would increase County reimbursements to municipalities for public services provided by the municipalities that otherwise would be provided by the County. Because the increase in reimbursements would be an intra-County transfer of revenues from the County to municipal governments, OLO believes that the changes in law would not affect private organizations and residents in terms of the Council's priority economic indicators.

## **BACKGROUND**

If enacted, Expedited Bill 2-22 would change the Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program. As stated in the Bill, these changes would include:

- (1) alter the calculation of reimbursements to municipalities for eligible costs;
- (2) alter the requirements for municipalities to participate in the municipal revenue program;
- (3) provide for a timeline of when certain reimbursement activities must be accomplished;
- (4) amend reimbursements for the City of Takoma Park police services; [and]
- (5) provide for a phased-in implementation period.<sup>1</sup>

# INFORMATION SOURCES, METHODOLOGIES, AND ASSUMPTIONS

Per Section 2-81B of the Montgomery County Code, the purpose of this Economic Impact Statement is to assess Expedited Bill 2-22's impacts on County-based private organizations and residents in terms of the Council's priority economic indicators.<sup>2</sup> The Fiscal Impact Statement for the Bill found that the changes to the Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program would increase County reimbursements to municipalities for public services provided by the municipalities that otherwise would be provided by the County.<sup>3</sup> Because the increase in reimbursements would be an intra-County transfer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Montgomery County Council, Expedited Bill 2-22 in Introduction Staff Report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Montgomery County Code, <u>Sec. 2-81B</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Fiscal Impact Statement is included in the Introduction Staff Report.

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of revenues from the County to municipal governments, OLO believes that the Bill would have insignificant impacts on private organizations and residents.

#### **VARIABLES**

Not applicable

#### **IMPACTS**

WORKFORCE = TAXATION POLICY = PROPERTY VALUES = INCOMES = OPERATING COSTS = PRIVATE SECTOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT = ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT = COMPETITIVENESS

## Businesses, Non-Profits, Other Private Organizations

Not applicable

#### **Residents**

Not applicable

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Not applicable

#### **WORKS CITED**

Montgomery County Code. Sec. 2-81B, Economic Impact Statements.

Montgomery County Council. <u>Expedited Bill 2-22, Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program – Amendments</u>. Introduced on January 11, 2022.

Office of Management and Budget. Fiscal Impact Statement for Expedited Bill 2-22.

## **CAVEATS**

Two caveats to the economic analysis performed here should be noted. First, predicting the economic impacts of legislation is a challenging analytical endeavor due to data limitations, the multitude of causes of economic outcomes,

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economic shocks, uncertainty, and other factors. Second, the analysis performed here is intended to *inform* the legislative process, not determine whether the Council should enact legislation. Thus, any conclusion made in this statement does not represent OLO's endorsement of, or objection to, the Bill under consideration.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Stephen Roblin (OLO) prepared this report.