



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Office of the County Executive

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The Honorable Todd M. Turner  
Chairman  
Prince George's County Council  
County Administration Building  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Turner:

In accordance with Chapter 594 of the 2005 Laws of Maryland (Prince George's County – Public Safety Surcharge – PG 307-05) (i.e. the “Act”), I am submitting this report concerning public safety surcharge revenues collected in FY 2019.

Effective July 1, 2005, the public safety surcharge rates were set at \$6,000 per unit for construction outside the developed tier and \$2,000 per unit for construction inside the developed tier. The rates are adjusted every year based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The FY 2019 rates were \$7,730 and \$2,578 respectively.

The Act imposes the surcharge only on new residential construction for which a preliminary plan has been approved on or after July 1, 2005. The collection of the surcharge normally happens upon the issuance of a building permit, which in many cases is years after the approval of the preliminary plan. The County did not receive any public safety surcharge revenues prior to FY 2008.

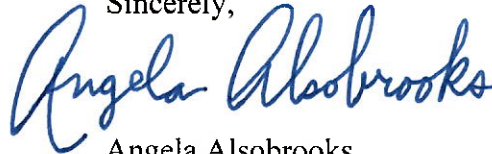
### **Fees Collected**

In FY 2019, the County received \$9,597,452 in public safety surcharge revenues. The County is required to share at least 25% of the public safety surcharge revenue collected from construction projects located in a municipal corporation that maintains a police department, and is also required to provide waivers and partial waivers for various projects per County Code (Sec. 10-192-11).

**Fees Expended**

The fees collected in FY 2019 were assigned to support the debt service for the 2016 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment Lease Purchase Financing (\$1,530,495), the Police Department's Forensic Lab Renovations (\$6,100,000) and the Hyattsville Fire/EMS Station #801 (\$1,966,957). It is our intention to appropriate any amounts collected in future fiscal years for the repair, renovation and improvement of public safety facilities.

Sincerely,



Angela Alsobrooks  
County Executive

cc: Members, Prince George's County Council  
Members, Prince George's County Senate Delegation  
Members, Prince George's County House Delegation