

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT Office of the County Executive

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II Chairman Prince George's County Council County Administration Building Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Hawkins:

In accordance with Chapter 594 of 2005 (Prince George's County – Public Safety Surcharge – PG 307-05)(i.e., the "Act"), I am submitting this report concerning public safety surcharge revenue collected in FY 2021.

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 2021 rates were \$7,909 and \$2,638 respectively.

The Act imposed the surcharge on new residential construction for which a preliminary plan has been approved on or after July 1, 2005, but this exemption was repealed by Chapter 351 of 2019 effective July 1, 2019. 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 revenue prior to FY 2008.

Fees Collected

In FY 2021, the County received \$20,700,488 in public safety surcharge revenue. 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).

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Fees Expended

The fees collected in FY 2021 were assigned as follows:

Exhibit 1

Allocation of Public Safety Surcharge Revenue FY 2021

\$5,390,505	Shady Glen Fire/EMS Station
3,100,000	Driver/Gun Range
2,557,000	Hyattsville Fire/EMS Station
2,331,000	Police Station Renovations
2,000,000	Forensics Lab
1,929,500	Fire Station Renovations
1,519,849	2016 SCBA Equipment Lease Purchase Financing
1,474,359	National Harbor Public Safety Building
398,275	Water Storage Tanks
\$20,700,488	

Source: Prince George's County Office of Management and Budget

It is our intention to appropriate any amounts collected in future fiscal years for the repair, renovation and improvement of public safety facilities.

Sincerely,

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Angela D. Alsobrooks County Executive

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