



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Office of the County Executive

Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

April 30, 2019

The Honorable Michael Jackson, Chair
Prince George's County House Delegation
House Office Building, Room 207
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Chair Jackson:

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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 2018.

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 2018 rates were \$7,541 and \$2,515, 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.

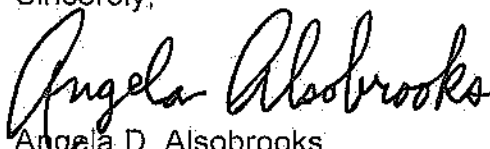
Fees Collected

In FY 2018, the County received \$6,778,861 in net 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 2018 were assigned to the Police Department's Forensic Lab Renovations (\$5,428,366) and the Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment (\$1,530,495). It is our intention to appropriate any amounts collected in future fiscal years for the repair, renovation and improvement of public safety facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela D. Alsobrooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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