

## Montgomery

##  County Council

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**Council Committee Meetings**

**on Oct. 15**

The following Committee meetings are scheduled for **Monday,** **Oct. 15**. Individuals interested in attending a Committee meeting should confirm the information on the day of the meeting by visiting the Council’s web page at

<https://tinyurl.com/CountyCouncilMeetings> or by calling the Council’s Legislative Information Office at 240-777-7931. All meetings are held in the Council Office Building (100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md), unless otherwise noted.

**Meeting: Joint Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee and Public Safety (PS) Committee**

**Time**: 9:30 a.m.

**Location**: Seventh floor hearing room

**HHS** **Committee**: Councilmembers George Leventhal (chair), Roger Berliner and

Craig Rice

**PS Committee:** Councilmembers Marc Elrich (chair), Tom Hucker and Sidney Katz

**Topic**:

**Special appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS) Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Operating Budget; $70,799 for Behavioral Health and Crisis Services for Adult Drug Court**

The HHS and PS Committees will meet jointly to review a special appropriation to the DHHS FY19 operating budget totaling $70,799 for Behavioral Health and Crisis Services to fund an additional therapist to increase the capacity of the Adult Drug Court and provide the more intensive services that are needed due to the complex nature of opioid and multi-substance addiction. Councilmember Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor. Councilmember Nancy Floreen is a cosponsor.

View the Council staff report for the special appropriation [here](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2018/20181015/20181015_HHSPS1.pdf).

**Meeting: Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee**

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Location:** Seventh floor hearing room

**PHED Committee:** Councilmembers Nancy Floreen (chair), George Leventhal and Council President Hans Riemer

**Topic:**

**Executive Regulation 11-18, Requirements and Procedures for the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) Program**

The PHED Committee will review Executive Regulation 11-18, Requirements and Procedures for the MPDU Program. This Executive Regulation repeals and replaces the provisions of Executive Regulation 13-05AM which established the requirements and procedures for the MPDU Program.

View the Council staff report for Executive Regulation 11-18 [here](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2018/20181015/20181015_PHED1.pdf).

**Meeting: Public Safety (PS) Committee**

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Location:** Third floor conference room

**PS Committee:** Councilmembers Marc Elrich (chair), Tom Hucker and Sidney Katz

**Topic:**

**FY19 Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) Savings Actions**

The PS Committee will meet to review savings actions on the MCFRS FY19 budget. The County Executive has recommended cost savings measures totaling $3,008,851 for the remainder of FY19.The County Executive has proposed these reductions because MCFRS’s FY18 expenditures exceeded the approved budget by $12.8 million, or about 6 percent. This overrun was driven primarily by overtime costs (between $8 and $9 million), but also reflects unexpected fleet repair costs (about $2.7 million). The proposed reductions include:

* Eliminate overtime backfill of four-person staffing during non-peak hours;
* eliminate night staffing on Ambulance 711 (Glen Echo), 733 (Rockville Falls Road) and 721 (Kensington-Parkland);
* eliminate weekday staffing for Aerial Tower 703 (Rockville-Downtown); and
* eliminate Paramedic Engine 720 (Bethesda -Cedar Lane).

The Office of Management and Budget indicates that without savings, FY19 expenditure overruns are expected to be roughly the same as FY18, which will have a compounding impact of $25.6 million in FY20. The approved FY19 operating budget is $218,000,207.

View the Council staff report for the MCFRS Savings Actions [here](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2018/20181015/20181015_PS1.pdf).

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