

Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association

April 30, 2024

Andrew Friedson, Council President Montgomery County Council 100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20850

Re: Support - Bill 9-24 - Group G Pension - Social Security Integration

Council President Friedson,

The Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association represents approximately 1200 career fire fighters and paramedics employed by the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service who proudly serve the residents and visitors of Montgomery County, Maryland.

On behalf of our members, we support Bill 9-24 that would amend generally provisions of the Group G retirement code as it relates to social security integration. This legislation would bring fire fighters and paramedics on par with other public safety employees in Montgomery County as it relates to the provisions outlined in the bill.

These legislative amendments are part of the overall collectively bargaining agreement that was reached between the IAFF and County Executive during the most recent term bargaining. The new agreement, including this legislation before the Council, was agreed upon as part of a two-year agreement that will become effective July 1, 2024, and continue through June 30, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation submitted at the request of the County Executive to fulfill the terms and conditions of the collectively bargained agreement between the parties.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Buddle, President

IAFF Local 1664