

**County Executive
of
Howard County, Maryland**

**Executive Order: 2020-21
Dated: December 10, 2020
Subject: Award of Points under the
Length of Service Award Program for
Volunteer firefighters/EMS personnel**

WHEREAS, Section 17.103(h) of the County Code provides the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) to recognize volunteer fire fighter/EMS personnel (collectively, “Volunteers”) in their extensive volunteer service to the citizens of Howard County; and

WHEREAS, to receive credit for a year of active service, a Volunteer must have accumulated at least 50 creditable points during the year that runs from January 1 through December 31 and points are not transferrable from one year to the next; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, Howard County limited access to all fire and rescue stations located in the County to operational emergency personnel only; and

WHEREAS, the closure of County fire and rescue stations to all but operational personnel limited the ability of Volunteer Fire Corporations recognized in County Code section 17.103(a) to engage in activities that would enable their members to earn points under LOSAP, because administrative duties, public outreach activities, social gatherings hosted in the facilities, and fund-raising capabilities were limited; and

WHEREAS, County Volunteer Fire Corporations and their members continue to provide a valuable service to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, County Code Section 17.103(h)(9)(vii), as codified by Council Bill No. 46-2020 (effective December 7, 2020), provides that the County Executive may, by Executive Order, award LOSAP points because of a State of Emergency declared by the Federal Government, State of Maryland, or the Howard County Government; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of County Code Section 17.103(h)(9)(vii) exist because the State of Maryland and Howard County have both declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which continue as of the date of this Executive Order and for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, because of the State and Local States of Emergency, fire stations were initially closed to non-operational Volunteers from March 15, 2020 through June 5, 2020 and were

closed again on November 17, 2020 and remain closed through the date of this Executive Order and for the foreseeable future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED by the County Executive of Howard County, Maryland, that Volunteers (as defined in Section 17.103(h)(1) of the Howard county Code) are awarded 18.9 points for calendar year 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that:

- (1) This Executive Order shall be promptly publicized; and
- (2) A copy filed with the Administrator to the County Council of Howard County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Calvin Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 10th day of December 2020.



Calvin Ball
County Executive

