

RESOLUTION NO. 1383

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND SUGGESTING THAT AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT BE RETAINED JOINTLY BY THE CITIES OF SALISBURY AND FRUITLAND AND THE TOWN OF DELMAR TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE REQUESTS FOR A TAX SETOFF FROM THE COUNTY BY THE MUNICIPALITIES AND TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THESE REQUESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6-306 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND REQUESTING THAT THE WICOMICO COUNTY COUNCIL COOPERATE WITH THIS STUDY AND GIVE THE RESULTS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, Section 6-306 of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides an opportunity for municipalities to request a tax setoff from the county within which they are located in recognition of the fact that certain services provided by the municipalities duplicate services provided by the county; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-306 of the Annotated Code of Maryland also provides a procedure for these requests to be heard and considered by the county; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Salisbury and Fruitland and the Town of Delmar have requested such a tax setoff from Wicomico County; and

WHEREAS, Wicomico County has prepared its own fiscal audit which purports to show that the taxpayers outside the limits of the municipalities subsidize the services provided by the County within the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities dispute the fiscal audit prepared by the County and assert that it has not been prepared as required by Section 6-306 of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the dispute between Wicomico County and the municipalities has been continuing for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the municipalities believe that it is in the best interest of the public service in the County to have this dispute resolved:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salisbury City Council suggests that an independent consultant be retained jointly by the Cities of Salisbury and Fruitland and the Town of Delmar to review and evaluate the requests for a tax setoff from the County by the municipalities and to prepare a report on these requests in accordance with section 6-306 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Salisbury City Council calls on the governing bodies of all of the above named jurisdictions to appropriate funds in their FY 07 budgets to fund their proportionate share of the cost of such a study.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Salisbury City Council requests that the Wicomico County Council cooperate with such a study and give the results of such a study serious consideration.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on the 13th day of March, 2006 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Colegrove
CITY CLERK

Michael P. Dunn
PRESIDENT, City Council

Barrie P. Tilghman
MAYOR, City of Salisbury