

(B) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE THE COMMISSION, BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE, WITH WHATEVER POWERS AND DUTIES AND MAY ESTABLISH WHATEVER TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MEMBERS AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, THE RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE SHALL INCLUDE THOSE POWERS AND DUTIES REQUIRED UNDER (C), (E), AND (F) BELOW.

(C) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPROPRIATE FUNDS ANNUALLY IN AMOUNTS THEY CONSIDER NECESSARY FOR THE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION. HOWEVER, THE MINIMUM TOTAL AMOUNT MAY NOT BE LESS THAN \$100,000. THE AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED TO--EACH--FIRE--AND RESCUE--DEPARTMENT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A BUDGET PLAN APPROVED BY THE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION. THE-DISTRIBUTION--OF THE--FUNDS--SHALL--BE--MADE--BY--THE--COUNTY--COMMISSIONERS--AFTER RECEIVING-THE-APPROVED-BUDGET--PLAN--FROM--THE--FIRE--AND--RESCUE COMMISSION.

(D)--ALL---PAYMENTS--SHALL--BE--MADE--NOT--LESS--OFTEN--THAN SEMIANNUALLY-AND-SHALL-BE-ONE-HALF--THE--COMMISSION--BUDGET--PLAN AMOUNT-AUTHORIZED-TO-INDIVIDUAL-DEPARTMENTS-

(E) (D) A FIRE OR RESCUE DEPARTMENT, ANNEX OR SUBSTATION MAY NOT HOLD REAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN THOSE NOW HOLDING IT UNLESS THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO FUND OTHERS NOT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

(F) (E) (1) BEFORE ANY NEW VOLUNTEER FIRE OR RESCUE DEPARTMENT OR SUBSTATION TO AN EXISTING FIRE OR RESCUE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE IN CALVERT COUNTY OR RECEIVE COUNTY FUNDS, IT MUST CONFORM TO THE STANDARDS FOR FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE CALVERT COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION AND ADOPTED BY THE CALVERT COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION. THESE PROVISIONS MAY NOT BE INTERPRETED TO PRECLUDE THE LOAN OF COUNTY FUNDS TO ANY DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO ITS MEETING SUBJECT STANDARDS.

(2) BEFORE ANY PRIVATE, COMMERCIAL, OR INDUSTRIAL FIRE OR AMBULANCE SERVICE IS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE IN CALVERT COUNTY IT SHALL ALSO CONFORM TO THE SAME STANDARDS. HOWEVER, WHEN THE UNITS RECEIVE NO COUNTY FUNDS AND EITHER SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT OR HARDSHIPS ARE INVOLVED, THE CALVERT COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION, AFTER CONFERRING WITH THE CALVERT COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, MAY WAIVE ANY PART OR ALL OF THESE STANDARDS. ALL UNITS AND EQUIPMENT IN EXISTENCE ON JULY 1, 1975, SHALL BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION BY JULY 1, 1976.

(G) (F) EACH FIRE DEPARTMENT, RESCUE SQUAD, ANNEX, OR SUBSTATION RECEIVING COUNTY FUNDS SHALL BE AUDITED ANNUALLY AND ALL AUDIT EXPENSES SHALL BE PAID BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(H) (G) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY LEND MONETARY AID TO ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT OR RESCUE SQUAD UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CALVERT COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION, AND ANY LOANS OF THIS NATURE SHALL BE MADE WITHOUT ANY PROFIT ACCRUING TO THE COUNTY.