

on the assessable basis of the Town for purposes of Town taxation. In arriving at the amount to be so certified the said Commission shall consider the amounts paid by the said Mayor and Council in preceding years, the increase in Town population, extent and value of the property to be protected, and the general growth of the Town. Said Fire Commission shall also furnish to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Takoma Park on the last day of December and of June of each year an itemized statement prepared by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., or its successors, showing the manner in which the monies paid to said Fire Department under Sections 1106A and 1106B have been expended.

1106B.

(953B). The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park are hereby authorized and directed to include in the Town Budget and thereafter to pay over to the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, annually, in equal quarterly payments on the last day of the months of September, December, March and June of each fiscal year, the amount certified to the Mayor and Council by the said Commission as hereinabove provided. The monies so paid over shall be used by the Volunteer Fire Department for the operation, acquisition and upkeep of appropriate fire fighting apparatus, for any other expenses incident to the operation of said Department, and for the payment of principal and interest of present indebtedness on real estate now owned by said Fire Department. However, nothing contained in this Act shall be deemed to authorize the Mayor and Council to increase the town tax rate. The legislative intent, hereby declared, is to require the Mayor and Council to continue to pay over to the Volunteer Fire Department as in the past from the current revenues of the Town produced by the general town taxation such amounts annually as may be reasonably necessary within the discretion of the Takoma Park Fire Commission herein created for the purposes above mentioned.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 2, 1941.