

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2024 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-079-2024

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Fisher

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Housing Code

3 For the purpose of establishing an investigation unit within the Department of Permitting,
4 Inspections and Enforcement to aid in the investigation of certain Code violations; providing for
5 certain staff and advisory and supervisory personnel; providing for certain reporting requirements;
6 and generally regarding Housing Code enforcement.

7 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

8 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY

9 STANDARDS.

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2023 Edition).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
13 Maryland, that Section 13-110 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
14 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

15 **SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.**

16 **DIVISION 1. HOUSING CODE.**

17 **SUBDIVISION 2. AMENDMENTS TO HOUSING CODE.**

18 **Sec. 13-110. - Same; Section 104, Duties and Powers of the Code Official.**

19 (a) Section 104.3 is amended to read as follows:

20 "104.3 Inspections. Subject to the limitations and conditions as hereinafter stated in this
21 Section, it shall be the duty of the Code Official to make, or cause to be made, inspections as often

1 as necessary to determine the conditions of dwellings, multifamily dwellings, dwelling units,
 2 rooming houses, rooming units, and premises in order to safeguard the safety and welfare of the
 3 public under the provisions of this Code. Such inspections shall be made in response to citizen or
 4 official complaints or other reliable information or allegations of existing violations of the Code.
 5 Further, inspections of dwellings, dwelling units, rooming houses, rooming units, and premises
 6 shall be made on a systematic basis (e.g., house by house, block by block) in areas, communities,
 7 or neighborhoods when it is determined by the Code Official that such action is necessary to
 8 properly apply and enforce the provisions of this Code. An investigation unit shall be established
 9 to aid in the investigation of persistent and critical violations of this Code. The investigation unit
 10 shall consist of Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement staff and an advisory
 11 supervisor from the Prince George’s County Department of the Environment and the Revenue
 12 Authority. All reports of such inspections and investigations by the investigation unit shall be in
 13 writing and shall be certified by a responsible officer of such approved agency or by the responsible
 14 individual. The Code Official is authorized to engage such expert opinion as deemed necessary to
 15 report upon unusual technical issues that arise, subject to the approval of the appointing authority."

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17 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
 18 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
 19 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
 20 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words,
 21 phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since
 22 the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or
 23 unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

24 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
 25 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.