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THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of Audits and Investigations

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

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William M. Hunt Deputy Council Administrator

THRU:

David H. Van Dyke x

County Auditor

FROM:

Inez N. Claggett

Senior Legislative Auditor

RE:

Fiscal Impact Statement

CB-012-2017 Foreclosed Property Registry Enforcement

Pursuant to your request, we have reviewed CB-012-2017 to estimate its fiscal impact on Prince George's County, Maryland.

CB-012-2017 seeks to establish a civil penalty for the failure to register foreclosed properties in accordance with State Law.

Section 14-126.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires a foreclosure purchaser to submit a required registration for a foreclosure sale of residential property. The foreclosure purchaser in this instance is the individual identified as the purchaser on the report of sale required by Maryland Rule 14-305 for foreclosure sale of residential property. CB-012-2017 will authorize the assessment and collection of a \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file the required registration, by the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement, or the Director's designee. Each calendar day of violation shall constitute a separate violation.

Should CB-012-2017 be enacted, outstanding registrations of persons who became foreclosure purchasers prior to the enactment of the proposed legislation shall submit a registration, or be assessed the aforementioned civil penalty.

Information obtained from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) indicated 719 foreclosure sales during the fourth quarter of 2016, 793 foreclosure sales during the third quarter of 2016, 833 foreclosure sales during the second quarter of 2016, and 1,054

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foreclosure sales during the first quarter of 2016, equating to 3,399 total foreclosure sales within Prince George's County for calendar year 2016.

Enactment of CB-012-2017 may have a positive fiscal impact on the County related to any penalties imposed and collected from individuals who fail to register. We are unable to estimate an amount due to a lack of prior history of individuals failing to register as required.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.