

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 9/29/2009
Reference No.: CB-046-2009
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s):
Item Title: An Act amending the Prince George's County Electrical Code by adopting the 2008 version of the National Electrical Code and local amendments to the County's construction regulations

Drafter: Amir Asghari, Department of Environmental Resources
Resource Personnel: George Nichol, Department of Environmental Resources

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 9/29/2009
Committee Referral: 9/29/2009 - THE
Executive Action:
Effective Date:

Committee Action:
Date Introduced:
Public Hearing:
Council Action:
Council Votes:
Pass/Fail:
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

09-101, 09-102, 09-104, 09-105, 09-106, 09-107.01, 09-108.00.01, 09-108.01, 09-108.02, 09-109, 09-109.01, 09-111

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation, Housing and Environment

Date 10/13/2009

October 13, 2009

Committee Action: Recommendation to Chair to Discharge from Committee, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Dean, Turner and Knotts)

Representatives from Department of Environmental Resources (DER) supported the bill. Additional testimony and letters were presented by the Master Electricians Association and individual electricians that were not in support of the legislation and opposed the replacement of the Chief Electrical Inspector.

The Committee had extensive discussions with all interested parties and requested additional information about the NEC and industry standards for qualifications for the two positions proposed to be created in CB-46-2009.

The Committee requested that the entire Council may want to discharge CB-46-2009 from the Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee.

October 8, 2009

Committee Action: Held until October 13th meeting

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-46-2009 amends the Prince Georges County Electrical Code by adopting the 2008 Version of the National Electric Code (NEC) and local amendments to the County's Construction regulations. CB-46-2009 also seeks to replace the Chief Electrical Inspector with two positions, an Electrical Code Official for Permits and an Electrical Code Official for Inspections, within the Department of Environmental Resources (DER).

The Committee received testimony from representatives of the Department in support of the bill and from the current Chief Electrical Inspector for the County who opposed the bill.

The Office of Law determined that CB-46-2009 was in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there will not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CB-46-2009.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This legislation adopts the 2008 National Electrical Code and provides local amendments to be used for construction in Prince George's County. The adoption of the National Electrical Code is needed in anticipation of construction permits for several important County projects. The new Code will ensure that construction is performed under the most recent life safety regulations and construction standards. The local amendments to the 2008 National Electrical Code provide additional safety measures for the electrical industry, homeowners and commercial properties throughout the County.

THIS BILL WAS NOT ENACTED.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
