

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** 9/11/2001

**Reference No.:** CB-39-2001

**Proposer:** County Executive

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Russell, Bailey, Gourdine, Shapiro

**Item Title:** An Act amending the Prince George's County Housing and Property Standards Ordinance, adopting the 2000 International Property Maintenance Code with certain amendments, amending certain definitions, and generally relating to housing and property standards

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**Drafter:** Karen T. Zvakos  
Law

**Resource** Thomas F. Matzen  
**Personnel:** DER

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 6/5/2001

**Executive Action:** 10/2/2001 S

**Committee Referral:** 6/5/2001 THE

**Effective Date:** 11/17/2001

**Committee Action:** 7/24/2001 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 7/31/2001

**Public Hearing:** 9/11/2001 10:00 A.M.

**Council Action:** 9/11/2001 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** RVR:A, DB:A, JE:-, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** DATE: 7/24/01

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 5-0, (In favor: Council Members Estepp, Shapiro Bailey, Gourdine and Hendershot).

Staff gave an overview of the legislation and informed the Committee of referral comments that were received. CB-39-2001 amends the Prince George's County Code for the purpose of adopting a new Housing Code. The legislation adopts the International Property Maintenance Code, 2000 edition, with local amendments. Until now, Prince George's County has relied on the 1964 version of the BOCA Basic Housing Code as its basic document. That Code, however, is outdated and no longer published. The proposed amendments will generally parallel existing code language and procedures.

The Department of Environmental Resources Staff explained that CB-39-2001 Draft 2 incorporate the International Property Maintenance Code, 2000 edition to include County amendments. The DER staff noted that there are some enhancements to the Housing Code. The DER staff indicated that one of the changes to the Housing Code is that the owner of a vehicle may be required to demonstrate that the vehicle is operable by moving it on its own power for 100 feet. Another modification is that hearings at the Department level for revocation for multi-family licenses have been eliminated. The hearings will now go directly to the Board of Appeals.

The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law have reviewed CB-39-2001 Draft 2 and determined that it is in proper legislative form noting that technical and non-technical amendments are necessary. The Office of Audits and Investigations determined there should be no negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting this bill. The County Executive supports the legislation.

The Committee voted favorable with amendments on CB-39-2001 directing legal staff to make necessary amendments prior to introduction.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

This legislation will amend the Prince George's County Code for the purpose of adopting a new Housing Code. The bill adopts the International Property Maintenance Code, 2000 edition, with local amendments.

#### **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**