

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

Meeting Date: 7/23/96

Reference No.: CR-35-1996

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Bailey

Item Title: To establish a schedule of permit fees for electrical permits

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Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Stan Wildesen
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: ____/____/____

Executive Action: ____/____/____

Committee Referral:(1) 6/18/96 PSFM

Effective Date: ____/____/____

Committee Action:(1) 7/3/96 FAV

Date Introduced: 6/18/96

Pub. Hearing Date: (1) 7/23/96 1:30 PM

Council Action: (1) 7/23/96 Adopted

Council Votes: SD:A, DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, AMc:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: (See Also CB-23-1996 (DR-2))

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: 7/3/96

Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0, (In favor: Council Members Estepp, Bailey, Del Giudice, Maloney and Scott).

This Resolution will establish a schedule of fees for electrical permits in the County to reflect the actual cost for inspection. It is a companion to CB-23-1996 (DR-2), which transfers permit fees from the Electrical Code to a complete fee schedule.

According to DER, the average electrical permit fee paid for a commercial construction project would increase from \$106 under the current rate to \$197 under the proposed rates. The average fee paid for a residential construction project would increase from \$51 to \$76.

On an annual basis, the revenue generated from electrical permit fees would increase from \$754,000 to \$1.2 million, an increase of \$482,000 (assuming the current level and mix of permit activity). Of this revenue, \$226,000 would be generated from residential permits and \$256,000 from commercial permits. Revenue generated from small commercial projects, (those projects for which DER's Third Party Inspection Program is proposed), would increase by \$102,000, from \$121,000 to \$223,000. Revenues from electrical permit fees would not increase by the full \$482,000 in FY97, as the legislation will not take effect on July 1. Assuming the legislation takes effect around September 24, OMB estimates increased revenue in FY97 of \$325,000.

There will be a positive impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-35-1996.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

The proposed resolution is a companion to CB-23-1996 (DR-2) which provides for the establishment of permit fees by resolution, upon the recommendation of the County Executive and after a public hearing. The fees are transferred from the existing fee schedule in the Electrical Code to a complete fee schedule. The new fee schedule contains a few increased fees to cover the cost third party inspection services.

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