

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-094-2025

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Committee: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment

Date: 10/23/2025

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Dernoga, and Fisher)

The Committee convened on October 23, 2025, to discuss CR-94-2025, which attempts to prevent new owners of commercial property from requiring existing tenants to pay the U&O fee associated with the change in ownership. Currently, New tenants in commercial properties pay a U&O permit fee (\$198, plus \$66, plus a 10% administrative fee = \$290.40) and must obtain approval prior to opening for business. New owners have to pay the same fee when acquiring ownership of the property.

The Committee Chair discussed an example where existing tenants in a commercial property were required by new owners to pay the associated U&O fee. CR-94 proposes an addition to the Table of Fees for Use & Occupancy permits as it relates to no construction, new tenant, or owner changes for commercial properties. The legislation clarifies the language in the fee schedule that the new party (tenant or owner) must pay the associated U&O fee.

Prior to implementing a change in the fees, the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement shall hold public informational sessions to allow for public comment as part of this process. The Director shall also submit the proposed Table of Fees to the County Executive for approval and transmittal to the County Council for legislative review and approval by resolution, following notice and a public hearing. The last major general increase to the Table of Fees was established under CR-087-2024, which provided a 20% increase in fees and a 10% technology fee, effective July 1, 2025.

The Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE) staff offered an amendment to further clarify the intent of the resolution. The Committee accepted this amendment. The County Executive expressed support for the amended bill, and the Office of Law indicated that the resolution is in proper form.

After the discussion, the Committee voted Favorably on CR-94-2025 as amended, by a vote of 3-0.