

## Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 11/20/2012  
**Reference No.:** CB-111-2012  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Proposer(s):** Patterson  
**Sponsor(s):** Patterson  
**Item Title:** An Act concerning water and sewer cost disclosure for the purpose of requiring a seller to provide certain information relating to water and sewer service costs and bills to a buyer who submits an offer to purchase a single family home; and generally relating to real property, energy, and environmental policy.

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**Drafter:** Todd M. Turner, Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:** Ellis Watson, Legislative Aide District 8

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>		<b>Executive Action:</b>	12/6/2012 S
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	10/23/2012 - THE	<b>Effective Date:</b>	1/22/2013
<b>Committee Action:</b>	11/8/2012 - FAV		
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	10/23/2012		
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	11/20/2012 - 10:00 AM		
<b>Council Action (1)</b>	11/20/2012 - ENACTED		
<b>Council Votes:</b>	WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A		
<b>Pass/Fail:</b>	P		
<b>Remarks:</b>			

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

02-162.01, 13-1107

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### THE Committee Report

**Date 11/8/2012**

November 8th, 2012

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Olson, Toles, Davis, Lehman and Patterson)

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-111-2012 concerns water and sewer costs disclosure for the purpose of requiring a seller to provide certain information relating to water and sewer service costs and bills to a buyer who submits an offer to purchase a single family home; and generally relating to real property, energy, and environmental policy.

The Legislative Officer provided review of CB-111-2012, which would amend: (1) Sec. 2-162.01 of the County Code to require any contract for sale of real property in the County shall disclosed to the purchaser any front foot benefit charge for water and sewer improvements that is recorded with the real property, including the amount, length of payments, and party responsible for collection; and (2) Sec. 13-1107 of the County Code that a seller of a

residential property shall provide, upon request, copies of water and sewer bills for the property, for a period of 12 months prior to or for the period they occupy the property if less than 12 months, from the date of the contract. The Legislative Officers provided additional information to the Committee in response to questions by members.

The Office of Law determined that CB-111-2012 was in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there should be no negative or adverse fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CB-111-2012.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

This legislation seeks to amend provisions requiring sellers of single family homes to provide any front foot benefit charges and water and sewer bills and/or information relating to the 12 month period prior to signing a contract for sale and costs.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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