

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-063-2023

Draft No.: 1

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: July 11, 2023

Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 8-0: Council Members, Dernoga, Fisher, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, and Ivey. Absent: Blegay, Burroughs, and Oriadha.

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on July 11, 2023, to consider CR-063-2023. The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee Director summarized the purpose of the Resolution. CR-063-2023 is a Resolution required pursuant to State law adjusting the Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge for inflation based upon the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) each fiscal year. CR-063-2023 was referred to the Government Operations & Fiscal Policy Committee on June 13, 2023, discharged from the Committee, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on July 5, 2023.

The CPI-U between April 2022 and April 2023 shows a 4.9% increase, resulting in \$146 above the Fiscal Year 2023 surcharge of \$2,977 for permits issued inside the Developed Tier and an area included in a specific basic or conceptual site plan. The increase in the CPI-U results in a \$437 increase above the Fiscal Year 2023 surcharge of \$8,925 for permits issued for all other buildings.

The Fiscal Year 2024 Public Safety and Behavioral Health surcharge rates shall be \$3,123 for permits issued inside the Transportation Service Area 1, as defined by the Maryland – National Capital Park and Planning Commission in the Prince George's County Approved General Plan, and for construction inside an area included in a basic plan or conceptual site plan that abuts an existing or planned mass transit rail station site operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Maryland Transit Administration that complies with the requirements of any sector plan, master plan or overlay zone approved by the Prince George's County District Council. The Public Safety and Behavioral Health surcharge for all other buildings shall be \$9,362.

The Office of Law reports CR-063-2023 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Policy Group reports that adopting CR-063-2023 would have a significant favorable direct fiscal impact, dependent upon permit and development activities, via the increased surcharges.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted favorably 8-0 on CR-063-2023.