

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

Meeting Date: 6/20/2000

Reference No.: CB-34-2000

Proposer: Estep

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Estep

Item Title: An Act amending the Housing Code provisions
relating to the temperature of domestic hot water

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Personnel: Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 4/25/2000

Executive Action: 7/12/2000 S

Committee Referral: 4/25/2000 THE

Effective Date: 8/28/2000

Committee Action: 5/11/2000 FAV

Date Introduced: 5/23/2000

Public Hearing: 6/20/2000 1:30 P.M.

Council Action: 6/20/2000 ENACTED

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

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 5/11/00

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Shapiro, Maloney and Wilson)

Staff gave an overview of the legislation and informed the Committee of referral comments that were received. Currently, the Housing Code and the Plumbing Code have conflicting requirements for the outlet temperature of domestic hot water. CB-34-2000 would amend the Housing Code to reduce the minimum temperature requirements to conform with the maximum temperature requirements of the Plumbing Code of 120 Fahrenheit. If fixtures equipped with scald prevention valves are installed and adjusted to deliver water at a temperature of not more than 110 degrees Fahrenheit, 110 degrees will be the minimum temperature under the Housing Code.

The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law have reviewed CB-34-2000 and determined that it is in proper legislative form. 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 Executive Branch supports CB-34-2000. Peggy Jeffers, Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA), submitted a letter in support of CB-34-2000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

The Housing Code and the Plumbing Code have conflicting requirements for the outlet temperature of domestic hot water. The current minimum temperature requirements provide hot water well in excess of temperature that is safe. The proposed legislation would reduce the minimum temperature requirements of the Housing Code to conform with the maximum temperature requirements of the Plumbing Code.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: