

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

**Meeting Date:** 7/28/98

**Reference No.:** CB-55-1998

**Proposer:** Del Giudice

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Del Giudice

**Item Title:** An Act limiting the duration of building permits required  
for the correction of Building Code violations

**Drafter:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**Resource Personnel:** Therese C. Yewell  
Legislative Aide

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 4/21/98

**Executive Action:** 8/17/98 S

**Committee Referral:** 4/21/98 THE

**Effective Date:** 10/2/98

**Committee Action:** 6/25/98 FAV (A)

**Date Introduced:** 7/7/98

**Pub. Hearing Date:** 7/28/98 11:00 A.M.

**Council Action:** 7/28/98 ENACTED

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

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** DATE: 6/25/98

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0, (In favor: Council Members Wilson, Scott, Gourdine and Maloney).

This legislation will amend Section 108.0 of the BOCA Code. A new Subsection 108.22, titled Expiration of permit; correction of code violations is added limiting the duration of building permits required for the correction of Building Code violations. CB-55-1998 was amended on page 2, line 2, adding language, "not to exceed 90 days and line 4, adding language, "for an additional period of 180 days. A technical correction is needed on page 2, line 8, adding the word "to" after the word extension.

The sponsor explained that the purpose of this legislation is to ensure that building and housing code violations on residential properties are issued only for a period of time reasonably necessary to correct the violation. The permit may be extended or renewed if the applicant has demonstrated substantial progress to complete the work in accordance with the permit and has demonstrated substantial justification for failure to complete the work with the period of the permit.

The Department of Environmental Resources and the County Executive support CB-55-1998.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

The general provisions under which building permits are issued and renewed or extended are inappropriate when permit work is required to correct a code violation. The proposed legislation provides for a limited duration permit that expedites the correction of code violations.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**