

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 11/7/2012  
**Reference No.:** CB-096-2012  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Proposer(s):** County Executive  
**Sponsor(s):** Davis, Franklin  
**Item Title:** An Act amending the Fire Safety Code, Subtitle 11, to adopt the standards of the National Fire Protection Association, to increase administrative fees, prohibit the sale of novelty lighters and to make other technical amendments

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**Drafter:** Marc S. Bashoor, Fire Chief, Fire/EMS Department  
**Resource Personnel:** Scott K. Hoglander, Deputy Fire Chief Fire/EMS Department

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>		<b>Executive Action:</b>	11/21/2012 S
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	10/2/2012 - PSFM	<b>Effective Date:</b>	1/7/2013
<b>Committee Action:</b>	10/22/2012 - FAV		
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	10/2/2012		
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	11/7/2012 - 10:00 AM		
<b>Council Action (1)</b>	11/7/2012 - 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:

11-102, 11-109, 11-151, 11-163, 11-253, 11-277, 11-295, 11-296

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Public Safety and Fiscal Management

**Date 10/22/2012**

REPORT: COMMITTEE VOTE: Favorable 4-0 (Councilmember's: Campos, Turner, Davis, and Lehman)

This legislation will enable the Fire/EMS Department to continue its role in fire prevention and life safety enhancements by using the most up-to date code available. The increase in fees collected for fire and safety inspections will allow the Fire/EMS Department to maintain consistency with the State and other jurisdictions. The addition of the word "Novelty Lighter" to the definitions in Subtitle 11 Section 11-102 will assist the Fire/EMS Department in their primary focus of protecting those in our community who are most at risk.

The Office of Law has reviewed this bill and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The enactment of CB-96-2012 will have a positive fiscal impact as a result of the proposed increase in current administrative fees. The estimated revenue to the county is approximately \$58,000.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

This bill amends Subtitle 11 of the Prince George's County Fire Safety Code to include standards of the National Fire Protection Association, to adjust administrative fees, prohibit the sale of novelty lighters, and to make other technical amendments. These changes will enhance life safety requirements and strengthen fire laws for the citizens of Prince George's County.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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