

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/5/2008
Reference No.: CR-093-2008
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): Turner, Olson, Dernoga
Sponsor(s): Turner, Olson, Dernoga, Campos, Bland, Harrison
Item Title: A Resolution increasing the additional fee on marriage licenses to finance Battered Spouse Shelters and Domestic Violence programs in the County.

Drafter: Carmen N. Jackson-Brown, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Tomeka C. Bumbry, Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:		Executive Action:
Committee Referral:		Effective Date:
Committee Action:	10/27/2008 - FAV(A)	
Date Introduced:	10/14/2008	
Public Hearing:		
Council Action (1)	11/5/2008 - ADOPTED	
Council Votes:	MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A	
Pass/Fail:	P	
Remarks:		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

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Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0, (In favor: Councilmembers Knotts, Campos, Dean, Exum and Turner.)

This enacting legislation will allow the County to increase the additional fee on marriage licenses from \$45.00 to \$60.00 per license. The additional fee of \$15.00 on marriage licenses will be used to finance Battered Spouse Shelters and Domestic Violence Programs in the County.

According to information provided to the Office of Audits and Investigations by the Circuit Court, the number of marriage licenses issued annually is between 5,000 – 5,300 for the past three years. The additional \$15.00 fee per marriage license will generate approximately \$6,500 per month, or \$78,000 per year, in additional revenue for the Battered Spouse Shelters and Domestic Violence Programs in the County.

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

The legislation was amended as follows:

1. On page 1, lines 8 and 15, after “sixty” add the word “dollars”.
2. On page 1, line 11, after “forty-five” add the word “dollars.”

The adoption of CR-93-2008 will have a positive fiscal impact on the County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

The proposed legislation would increase the marriage license fee from (forty-five) \$45.00 to (sixty) \$60.00 with the proceeds distributed to the Family Crisis Center or Prince George’s County to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs.

Sec. 10-259. Domestic Violence Special Revenue Fund; establishment.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
