

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2000 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-74-2000

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Maloney

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Planning Board Spending Affordability Committee

3 For the purpose of establishing a Planning Board Spending Affordability Committee, providing  
 4 for membership and providing duties and responsibilities.

5 BY adding:

6 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

7 Sections 10-112.31 and 10-112.32,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (1999 Edition).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
 11 Maryland, that Sections 10-112.31 and 10-112.32 of the Prince George's County Code be and the  
 12 same are hereby added:

13 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

14 DIVISION 1B. SPENDING AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEES.

15 **Sec. 10-112.31. Planning Board Spending Affordability Committee.**

16 (a) There is hereby created a Prince George's County Planning Board Spending  
 17 Affordability Committee which shall be composed of three (3) members. One member shall be  
 18 the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, one member shall be the County Auditor,  
 19 and one member shall be a resident of the County who is not an employee of the County  
 20 government or of the Planning Board. The third member shall have a background in budgeting,

1 financial planning, public finance, accounting, or a related field and shall be selected by a vote of  
 2 the County Council for a term of two years. The Committee shall select its own chairman.

3 (b) The County Executive and the Planning Board shall provide assistance to the  
 4 Committee. The Planning Board and all County agencies shall cooperate at all levels with the  
 5 Committee in providing requested information.

6 **Sec. 10-112.32. Duties and Responsibilities.**

7 (a) The Planning Board Spending Affordability Committee shall make recommendations  
 8 to the County Council concerning:

9 (1) Spending affordability of the Planning Board;

10 (2) Ways to improve the budgetary procedures at the Planning Board level and at the  
 11 Council level; and

12 (3) Other related areas upon request of the County Council or the County Executive.

13 (b) On or before November 1 of each year, the Committee shall submit to the County  
 14 Council a preliminary report recommending spending levels for each of the four Planning Board  
 15 funds and guidelines for the Planning Board's capital budget. Spending levels shall be consistent  
 16 with the capacity of the tax base and other revenue sources available to the Planning Board to  
 17 finance its programs and its long-term debt. A copy of this report shall be filed with the Clerk of  
 18 the Council and shall be made available for public inspection.

19 (1) The report shall provide recommendations for the following spending  
 20 affordability guidelines:

21 (A) A ceiling on total appropriations in the forthcoming fiscal year for each of  
 22 the four Planning Board funds and enterprise funds;

23 (B) Debt service;

24 (C) Appropriate reserves for each of the funds;

25 (D) The use of fund balances to finance both capital and operating expenses; and

26 (E) The discontinuance of charges made to the Planning Board by the County in  
 27 fiscal year 1966 which were previously borne by the County and the possible absorption by  
 28 County agencies and department of expenses that were borne by those agencies and departments  
 29 before fiscal year 1966 and which were then transferred to the Planning Board.

30 (F) The establishment of tax rates necessary to support each of the  
 31 appropriations referred to in Subsection (b)(1)(A).

1        (c) On or before January 10 of each year, the Committee shall submit to the County  
2 Council a final report on spending affordability guidelines for the proposed capital and operating  
3 budgets for the forthcoming fiscal year as required by Subsection (b). This report shall contain  
4 the Committee's final recommendations concerning spending affordability guidelines and shall,  
5 in estimating revenues, utilize the assessable base as determined as of the preceding January 1.  
6 A copy of this report shall be filed with the Clerk of the Council and be made available for  
7 public inspection. In developing spending affordability guidelines, the Committee shall  
8 consider, where applicable, the factors utilized by the County Spending Affordability Committee  
9 as set forth in Section 10-112.22 of the Code.

10        (d) In developing the Planning Board capital and operating budgets, the County Council  
11 shall consider the Planning Board Spending Affordability Committee's recommendations. If the  
12 proposed budgets exceed any of the recommended affordability guidelines, the Council must  
13 explain in writing the justification for exceeding any of the recommendations before enacting the  
14 Planning Board budgets and levying tax rates required to support them.

1       SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)  
2 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothy F. Bailey  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Joyce T. Sweeney  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne K. Curry  
County Executive

KEY:  
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