

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

Meeting Date: 6/18/96

Reference No.: CB-23-1996

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Council Members Bailey and Del Giudice

Item Title: To adopt by reference the 1996 Edition of the National Electrical Code, deleting certain provisions concerning overcurrent protection and wiring methods, and revising electrical permit fees to reflect actual costs for inspection

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Office of Law

Resource Personnel: Stan Wildesen,
DER

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 5/7/96

Executive Action: 8/6/96 S

Committee Referral:(1) 5/7/96 C.O.W.

Effective Date: 9/23/96

Committee Action:(1) 6/11/96 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 6/18/96

Pub. Hearing Date: (1) 7/23/96 1:30 PM

Council Action: (1) 7/23/96 Enacted

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

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: (See Also CR-35-1996)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 6/11/96

Committee Vote: Favorable, as amended, 6-0, (In favor: Council Members Del Giudice, Bailey, Estepp, MacKinnon, Maloney and Scott).

This bill will adopt by reference the 1996 Edition of the National Electrical Code, delete certain provisions concerning overcurrent protection and wiring methods, and require that fees for electrical permits and inspections of electrical installations be adopted by resolution.

DER stated that the adjustment in electrical fees is designed to raise necessary funds to cover the

third party electrical inspection contract. Electrical inspections will be performed by the third party contractor for Small Commercial Tenant Fit Out Permits and Non-Commercial Inspector Projects (CIP) Performance Certifications will be accepted for CIP projects. DER inspectors will continue to inspect fire and electrical work for residential and commercial tenant fit outs.

The Legislative Officer stated that the legislation should be amended. In the past, the Council has considered adopting permit fees by resolution to allow fees to be amended without the text in the County Code. As drafted, CB-23 retains the fee schedule within the text of the code.

The increase in revenues from the increased electrical permit fees are expected to cover the cost of third party inspections and administrative costs. There should not be any significant negative or positive impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-23-1996.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

This bill will amend the electrical permit fee schedule. The fees were increased to be consistent with private inspection services and will simplify third party contracting of commercial electrical inspections. As a result, the increased revenues generated by these fees are expected to cover the costs of the third party inspection. A \$15.00 processing fee has also been incorporated to cover administrative costs.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

Electricity

National Electrical Code

Amendments to National Electrical Code

Wiring and Protection

[Overcurrent protection.....9-105.01]

Wiring Methods and Materials

[Wiring Methods.....9-107.02]