

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2019 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-54-2019

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Committee: GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND FISCAL POLICY

Date: 7/11/19

Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 4-0: Council Members Davis, Dernoga, Anderson-Walker and Hawkins
Absent: Streeter

CR-54-2019 seeks to adjust the County's public safety surcharge for the annual changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for fiscal year 2020, beginning July 1, 2019 pursuant to State Law.

The CPI for all Urban Consumers shows a 2% increase between April 2018 and April 2019. Applying a 2% increase to the current FY 2019 public safety surcharge rates of \$2,578 Developed Tier and \$7,730 for all other buildings produces new surcharge rates of \$2,630 for the Developed tier and \$7,885 for all other buildings. The Developed Tier is defined by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning's Approved General Plan.

Kassandra Bissett, Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, was present to answer any questions.

The Office of Law reports CR-54-2019 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reports that the adoption of CR-54-2019 may increase County revenue by an estimated \$191,774 in FY 2020, based on an estimated 1,830 residential units subject to the surcharge.

After discussion, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted CR-54-2019 out favorably, 4-0.