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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CB-047-2025 Building Code of Prince George's County

CB-047-2025 (*presented by: Chair Burroughs at the request of the former Acting County Executive*)

Assigned to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUILDING CODE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of updating the provisions of the Building Code of Prince George's County (the "County") to conform to the 2021 editions of the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, International Existing Building Code, The National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, The National Fire Protection Association Fire Code, The 2020 National Electrical Code, and the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: Nominal expenditures.

Revenues: No foreseen increase in revenues.

Indirect Impact:

Potentially favorable.

Legislative Summary:

CB-047-2025 was presented on May 6th 2025 and referred to the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee (PHED). This bill would amend numerous Code Sections (noted below) to align Subtitle 4 with the 2021 editions of the International Code Council (ICC) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes for the following:

- International Building Code
- International Energy Conservation Code
- International Existing Building Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Residential Code
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
- National Fire Protection Code Association Life Safety Code
- National Fire Protection Association Fire Code

2020 National Electrical Code for:

- National Electrical Code
- International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS: 04-101 04-102 04-104 04-106 04-107 04-108 04-109 04-110 04-111 04-112 04-113 04-118 04-119 04-123 04-125 04-127 04-131 04-135 04-137 04-141 04-143 04-151 04-153 04-154 04-157 04-158 04-163 04-165 04-181 04-186 04-187 04-189 04-190 04-195 04-196 04-202 04-203 04-204 04-205 04-209 04-210 04-211 04-212 04-213 04-216 04-217 04-218 04-219 04-220 04-222 04-223 04-224 04-225 04-231 04-240 04-241 04-242 04-244 04-245 04-246 04-248 04-249 04-250 04-251 04-252 04-254 04-345 04-348 04-351 04-352 04-173 04-214 04-215 04-221 04-226 04-229 04-239 04-240.01 04-246.01

Current Law/Background:

Every three years, The Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement is required to review the International Code Council (ICC Codes) in accordance with Maryland State Code cycle for review and adoption in Prince George's County. Under current law, the County has adopted what was the most recent editions of the International Building Code, International Mechanical Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, International Existing Building Code, National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, National Fire Protection Association Fire Code, National Electrical Code, and International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings. These codes have been updated, and this Bill amends the Prince George's County Subtitle 4 to conform to the 2021 editions of the International Building Code, International Mechanical Code, International Energy Conservation

Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, International Existing Building Code, National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, National Fire Protection Association Fire Code, 2020 National Electrical Code, and International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings.

Resource Personnel:

- Lori S. Parris, Chief of Staff, Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement
 - Dawit Abraham, P.E., Director, Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement
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Discussion/Policy Analysis:

Enacting CB-047-2025 would update the noted codes, including international building, energy conservation, and swimming pool and spa codes, as well as national fire protection codes, bringing them into conformity of the new standards. The expectation is that the public will benefit from the increased safety standards. This represents a health and safety measure for Prince George's County residents and visitors in terms of building construction, energy conservation for swimming pools and spas, and fire protection for certain dwellings.

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

Enactment of CB-047-2025 may result in a minimal negative direct fiscal impact in the form additional expenditures due to the increased staff training, additional enforcement, and marketing for staff, builders, and the public to implement, monitor and enforce the new updated codes.

- *Indirect Impact*

Enactment of CB-047-2025 could have a favorable indirect impact on the County by increasing the safety and quality of dwellings units on residents, increased energy efficiency (and longer-term cost savings) for swimming pools and spas, and increased safety for residents and visitors for fire protection. Negative indirect impacts could include increased costs for dwellings, rent, and certain services due to the higher standards in construction which could lead to higher development costs, which may be passed down to consumers.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

No.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

The proposed Bill shall be effective forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach out to me via phone or email.