



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Office of Audits and Investigations

June 2, 2020

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.  
Council Administrator

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THRU: Josh Hamlin  
Senior Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst

FROM: Warren E. Burris, Sr.  
Senior Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst

RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement  
CB-17 -2020 Repeal of Television and Radio Equipment Repair License



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**CB-17-2020** sponsored by: Council Chair Turner (by Request of the County Executive)  
Assigned to Committee of the Whole (COW)

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For the purpose of repealing provisions of the County Code pertaining to the Television and Radio Equipment repair license requirements.

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### **Fiscal Summary**

#### **Direct Impact:**

*Expenditures:* Minimal

*Revenues:* None

#### **Indirect Impact:**

None

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### ***Legislative Summary***

CB-17-2020, sponsored by Council Chair Turner was presented on May 18, 2020 and referred to the Committee of the Whole. CB-17-2020 would repeal the license requirements for Television and Radio Repair facilities.

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### ***Background/Current Law:***

Subtitle 24A of the County Code currently requires a license for operators of Television and Radio repair facilities and operations. A “Television and Radio Equipment Repair Facility” is defined as “any business entity operated for financial profit which engages in the business of installing, servicing, diagnosing, rebuilding, reconditioning, or inspecting television and radio equipment.”<sup>1</sup> Applications for licenses are made to the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement<sup>2</sup> accompanied by a fee of \$75<sup>3</sup> and a \$2,000 bond.<sup>4</sup> The current law outlines the protocols for application, inspections of facilities, and protocols for denials, appeals, suspensions and enforcement.

### ***Policy Analysis***

- *Potential Benefits of Repealing of the License Requirement*

As DPIE begins to revamp its permitting processing, the Department has been looking to streamline and repeal any outdated license requirements to ensure a more efficient and fair system for residents and businesses. In reviewing the license for Television and Radio Repair Operators, it was determined that there has been only one application in the past five (5) years and the County has only one (1) licensed television and radio repair operator. As such, the Department believes the license is no longer necessary.

- *Potential Costs of Repealing of the License Requirement*

Repealing the license requirement for Television and Radio Repair Facility would eliminate County regulation of these businesses. The requirement was put in place in 1974 and has only had minor substantive amendments since then. The reasons for the implementation of the requirement may no longer be present, and given the small number of such businesses licensed each year, it may be appropriate to eliminate the requirement

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### **Fiscal Impact:**

#### ***Direct Impact***

Enactment of CB-17-2020 will result in minimal negative fiscal impact on the County in the amount of lost application fee revenue. The average annual revenue from the application fees over the last five (5) has been less than \$1,000.

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<sup>1</sup> Code §24A-101

<sup>2</sup> Code §24A-103

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/23559/DPIE-Fee-Schedule-PDF>

<sup>4</sup> Code §24A-104

*Indirect Impact*

There would be no apparent indirect fiscal impact a result of the enactment of CB-17-2020.

*Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

No.

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***Resource Personnel***

DPIE Staff

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***Issues for Committee Consideration***

NA