# **Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary**

**Meeting Date:** 7/21/2004 **Reference No.:** CR-045-2004

Draft No.: 2

**Proposer(s):** County Executive

**Sponsor(s):** Knotts

**Item Title:** A Resolution amending certain fees in the County Onsite Sewage Disposal Regulations

**Drafter:** Kimberly Shearin-Cotton, Office of Law

Resource Personnel: Paul Myer, Health Department

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** 

Date Presented: Executive Action:

Committee Referral: 6/22/2004 - HEHS Effective Date: 7/21/2004

**Committee Action:** 7/7/2004 - FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 6/22/2004

**Public Hearing:** 

Council Action (1) 7/21/2004 - ADOPTED

Council Votes: MB:-, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TH:-, TK:A, DP:A, PS:-

Pass/Fail: P

**Remarks:** 

#### **AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date 7/7/2004

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Exum, Bland, Hendershot & Peters).

Staff summarized the purpose of the resolution and referral comments that were received. CR-45-2004 increased certain fees for services, permits, and licenses rendered by the Health Department's Division of Environmental Health. The Committee considered a Draft 2, which reflected fee increases and not any new fees.

The Committee revised the effective date to take effect on the date of adoption rather than date specific. It was noted that the Council would need to sit as the Board of Health to approve CR-45-2004.

The Health Officer indicated that the purpose of the increase in fees is to become comparable with other neighboring jurisdictions. In addition, the fees have not been raised in 10 years.

The Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association representative spoke on behalf of CR-45-2004, expressing the Association's concern that the fee increase should correlate with efficiency with the permitting process.

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The Office of Audits and Investigations prepared a fiscal impact statement on CR-45-2004. It is anticipated that the fee increases will yield \$32,640 of additional revenue each year.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

The Health Department collects numerous fees for permits, licenses, certifications, approvals and functions carried out by the Health Department's Division of Environmental Health. The last significant increases to the fee schedule occurred in 1992, 1994 and 1996. This resolution contains adjusted and new fees in relation to on-site sewage disposal systems and services. The additional funds that will be generated have been included in the Health Department's FY2005 budget.

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