

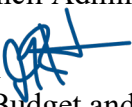


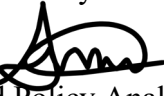
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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THRU: Josh Hamlin 
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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CB-034-2025 (DR-2) Historic Preservation Commission

CB-034-2025 (*proposed by: Council Member Dernoga*)

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

AN ACT CONCERNING Historic Preservation Commission for the purpose of revising the composition of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: No direct expenditure impact likely.

Revenues: No direct revenue impact likely.

Indirect Impact:

Broadening the Commission's membership may increase the Commission's ability to achieve its desired results in maintaining the County's historic resources.

Legislative Summary:

CB-034-2025¹ was proposed by Council Member Dernoga, presented to the Council on April 29, 2025, and referred to the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee.

Based on proposed Draft 2, if enacted, CB-034-2025 would repeal and reenact Sec. 29-105, making the following changes:

- Increasing the number of members of the commission with a demonstrated special interest, specific knowledge, or professional academic training in fields such as history, architecture, architectural history, archeology, anthropology, agriculture, and historic preservation from three (3) to four (4).
 - Making the selection of one (1) member broader, including a Prince George's County-based 501(c)(3) organization committed to the preservation of the cultural and historical legacy of the County.
 - Removing the selection of one (1) member from the Minority Building Industry Association, which no longer exists.
 - Updating the name of the Prince George's County Association of Realtors.
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Resource Personnel:

- Rana Hightower, Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee Director
 - Michelle Garcia, Chief of Staff, District 1
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Current Law/Background:

CB-083-2005² established the Historic Preservation Commission, in Sec. 29-105.

The Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) administers the County's historic preservation ordinance and preservation tax credit program. The HPC protects the County's inventory of historic resources, which includes 461 historic sites and four locally

¹ [CB-034-2025](#)

² [SUBTITLE 29. - PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES. | Code of Ordinances | Prince George's County, MD | Municode Library](#)

designated historic districts. 102 properties and 20 historic districts are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The current commission is made up of nine (9) members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. This includes three Current members are made up of the following:

- Three (3) of the members of the Commission shall possess a demonstrated special interest, specific knowledge, or professional or academic training in such fields as history, architecture, architectural history, archeology, anthropology, agriculture and historic preservation.
- Three (3) members shall represent the fields of commerce, realty, municipal governance, community associations, building/preservation restoration, home building, and law. One (1) member shall be selected from the Prince George's County Historical and Cultural Trust Board.
- One (1) member shall be selected from the Minority Building Industry Association.
- One (1) member shall be selected from the Prince George's County Board of Realtors.

Members have term limits of three (3) year periods, except that the terms of the initial appointments shall be three (3) each for one (1), two (2) and three (3) year periods, so that not more than three (3) appointments shall expire each year.

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

This Bill would add an additional member to the commission with specific knowledge and demonstrated professional interest in history, architecture, architectural history, archeology, anthropology, agriculture, and historic preservation. This would remove one member to be selected from the Minority Building Industry Association, which no longer exists.

This Bill also seeks to broaden the selected members' involvement in this industry, making their interests more specialized to fit the needs of the Commission and their efforts.

There is a Draft 2 of the Bill which removes County historic preservation non-profit agencies by name. This includes the Prince George's County Historical Society, Prince George's Heritage, The African-American Historical and Genealogical Society, or the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Board. This is instead standardized to say a Prince George's County-based 501(c)(3) organization committed to the preservation of the cultural and historical legacy of Prince George's County.

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

Enactment of CB-034-2025 is not likely to have a direct fiscal impact.

- *Indirect Impact*

Enactment of CB-034-2025 would broaden the Historic Preservation Commission's membership and increase the number of members with specialized interests across various organizations located within the County. This may have a positive impact on the Commission's results.

- *Appropriated during the Current Fiscal Year Budget:*

N/A

Effective Date:

CB-034-2025 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 call me.