

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
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Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Glaros, Harrison, Lehman, Taveras, and Turner)

CR-57-2017 as proposed is a Resolution required pursuant to State law adjusting the school facilities surcharge for inflation based upon the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumer (CPI-U) each fiscal year.

The CPI-U in April 2017 shows an increase for 2.2% from April 2016. This change in the CPI-U results in a surcharge increase for \$201 above the Fiscal Year 2017 school facilities surcharge of \$9,116 for permits issued for buildings between Interstate Highway 495 and the District of Columbia and for permits issued for buildings included within a basic plan or conceptual site plan that abuts an existing or planned mass transit rail station site operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The change in the CPI also results in an increase of \$344 above the Fiscal Year 2017 school facilities surcharge of \$15,628 for permits issued for all other buildings.

For Fiscal Year 2018 the surcharge shall be \$9,317 for permits issued for buildings between Interstate Highway 495 and the District of Columbia and for permits issued for buildings included within a basic plan or conceptual site plan that abuts an existing or planned mass rail station operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and \$15,972 for permits issued for all other buildings. For FY18 school facilities surcharge rates of \$9,317 and \$15,972, reflect an increase of \$201 and \$344, respectively.

Stanley Earley, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget provided an overview of CR-57-2017.

The Office of Law finds CR-57-2017 to be in proper legislative form with no impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reports that adoption of CR-57-2017 may increase County revenues by an estimated \$488,115 in FY 2017. This figure is based on an estimated 1,500 permits subject to the surcharge.

After discussion the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee voted CR-57-2017 out favorably 5-0.