

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-074-2025

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 06/10/2025

Action: FAVORABLE

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorably 9–0 (In favor as amended: Chair Burroughs, Vice Chair Oriadha, Council Members Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Ivey, Olson, and Watson)

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole (COW) on June 10, 2025, to discuss CR-074-2025. This resolution was transmitted by the Acting County Executive for the Council's approval and adoption. The Director of Planning, Housing, and Economic Development provided an overview of the resolution, which is required by state law to adjust the Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge for inflation, based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) each fiscal year.

The CPI-U between April 2024 and April 2025 shows a 2.3% increase, resulting in a \$74 increase above the Fiscal Year 2025 surcharge of \$3,229 for permits issued within the Developed Tier and within an area included in a specific basic or conceptual site plan. The increase in the CPI-U results in a \$223 increase above the Fiscal Year 2025 surcharge of \$9,680 for permits issued for all other buildings.

For Fiscal Year 2026, the Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge rates will be set at \$3,303 for permits issued inside Transportation Service Area 1, as defined by the Approved Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in the Prince George's County General Plan, and for construction inside an area included in 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 or by the Maryland Transit Administration and that complies with the requirements of any sector plan, master plan or overlay zone approved by the Prince George's County District Council. For all other buildings, the Public Safety and Behavioral Health surcharge will be \$9,903.

Staff recommended a technical amendment to CR-074-2025, specifically to remove the word "retroactively" from the resolution if it is adopted before July 1, 2025.

The Policy Analysis and Fiscal Note submitted by the Budget and Policy Analysis Division indicated that adopting CR-074-2025 would likely have a positive direct fiscal impact, depending on permit and development activities, due to the increased surcharge amounts.

According to the School Facilities and Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge Annual Report from the Office of Management and Budget, the surcharge raised approximately \$17.6 million in FY 2024 (the last complete fiscal year available), which funded capital projects, Fire/EMS services, and allocated 25% to municipalities. The adoption of CR-074-2025 is not expected to have an indirect fiscal impact on the County.

Ms. Sakinda Skinner, the County Council Liaison to the County Executive's Office, requested a favorable vote on CR-074-2025.

Ms. Terry Bell from the Office of Law reviewed the legislation and found it to be legally sufficient.

On a motion by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Fisher, the Committee of the Whole voted 9-0 favorably on CR-074-2025.