

Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/23/2004
Reference No.: CB-044-2004
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s): Dernoga, Exum, Bland
Item Title: An Act increasing certain fees for services, permits and licenses rendered by the Health Department's Division of Environmental Health

Drafter: Kimberly Shearin-Cotton, Office of Law
Resource Personnel: Paul Myer, Health Department

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	6/22/2004	Executive Action:	12/8/2004 S
Committee Referral:	6/22/2004 - HEHS	Effective Date:	1/24/2005

Committee Action: 10/27/2004 - FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 11/1/2004
Public Hearing: 11/23/2004 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/23/2004 - ENACTED
Council Votes: MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TH:-, TK:A, DP:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

05-216, 05-218, 05-218.01, 05-221, 12-110, 12-114, 12-166, 22-118

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date 10/27/2004

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 3-0, (In favor: Council Members Exum, Bland and Hendershot).

Staff summarized CB-44-2004 and referral comments that were received. CB-44-2004 increases certain fees for services, permits and licenses rendered by the Health Department's Division of Environmental Health for swimming pool operators, food service manager certification, and septic permit.

Legislation regarding new fees for examination and training courses for public swimming pool operators, and for plan review and plan review resubmittals for onsite sewage disposal system plans, as authorized under the provisions of CB-44-2004, will be considered at the next Health, Education and Human Services worksession. The fee increases were included in the agency's FY 05 budget. Staff provided the Committee with the Office of Law's proposed amendments. Those amendments are reflected in Draft 2.

A question was raised as to whether this legislation impacted the non-profit operators of swimming pools. The

Department of Health's representative indicated that it would only impact the non-seasonal swimming pools (open year-round). Fees for the seasonal swimming pools were increased in 1996. Fees for the non-seasonal swimming pools were not increased at that time.

The Health Department's representative explained the difference between Level A and B food service managers, explaining that the Level A food service manager's training is more extensive (16 hours compared to 4 hours for Level B). The Level A food service manager has the ability to manage and train other people serving food.

The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that there should be positive fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-44-2004. It is anticipated that fee increases will yield \$100,000 of additional revenues in the first year of implementation, rising to approximately \$300,000 by the third year of implementation.

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 fee schedule includes amounts charged for food service facilities and manager certifications, public swimming pools, septic systems, plan reviews, percolation tests and contractor licenses. The last significant increases to the fee schedule occurred in 1992, 1994 and 1996. In addition, some new fees will be established. The additional funds that will be generated have been included in the Health Department's FY2005 budget.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
