

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 7/13/2010  
**Reference No.:** CB-047-2010  
**Draft No.:** 2  
**Proposer(s):** County Executive  
**Sponsor(s):** Dernoga, Exum, Harrison, Turner  
**Item Title:** An Act amending the Fire Safety Code, Subtitle 11, to adopt the standards of the National Fire Protection Association, to increase administrative fees, and to make other technical amendments

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**Drafter:** Eugene A. Jones, Chief, Fire/EMS Department  
**Resource Personnel:** Scott K. Hoglander, Fire/EMS Department

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>	6/1/2010	<b>Executive Action:</b>	7/27/2010 S
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	6/1/2010 - PSFM	<b>Effective Date:</b>	9/13/2010

**Committee Action:** 6/9/2010 - FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 6/15/2010  
**Public Hearing:** 7/13/2010 - 10:00 AM

**Council Action (1)** 7/13/2010 - ENACTED  
**Council Votes:** MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Remarks:**

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

11-102, 11-104, 11-150, 11-151, 11-152, 11-154, 11-156, 11-157, 11-159, 11-163, 11-253, 11-255, 11-259, 11-267, 11-272, 11-275, 11-289, 11-294

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Public Safety and Fiscal Management

**Date 6/9/2010**

REPORT: COMMITTEE VOTE: 4-0 Favorable as amended (In Favor Council Members Exum, Campos, Dean, and Turner)

This bill will amend the County's Fire Safety Code to adopt the standards of the National Fire Protection Association, to increase administrative fees, and to make other technical amendments.

The County Executive states that these changes will enhance life safety requirements, strengthen fire laws and create a more livable community for the citizens of Prince George's County.

The Fire Inspection fees (page7-8) are adjusted to cover certain inspections performed by the Fire/EMS Department and match the rates that are established by the State of Maryland for inspections.

The legislation was amended as follows:

1. On page 3 line 12 after “Department” insert “or an authorized Public Safety Official”.

According to data from the Office of Audits and Investigations, if the proposed new inspection fee schedule, had been in affect over the past year, an additional \$155,547 in revenues would have been generated, this represents a 114% increase over the \$136,504 in reported revenues.

The Office of Law has reviewed this bill and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no impediments to its enactment.

The enactment of CB-47-2010 will have a positive fiscal impact on the County.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

This bill amends Subtitle 11 of the Prince George’s County Fire Safety Code to include standards of the National Fire Protection Association, to adjust administrative fees, and to make other technical amendments. These changes will enhance life safety requirements, strengthen fire laws and create a more livable community for our citizens.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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