

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2016 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-76-2016

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Franklin, Davis, Glaros, Harrison, Lehman
Patterson, Taveras, Turner and Toles

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Green Building Permit Incentives

3 For the purpose of providing permit fee reductions for LEED certified building construction and
4 renovations and the installation of solar panels under certain circumstances.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 4. BUILDING.

7 Section 4-348,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2015 Edition).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Section 4-348 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 SUBTITLE 4. BUILDING.

14 DIVISION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

15 **Sec. 4-348. – Exemption from fees.**

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17 (d) Green building permit incentives: The County shall provide a reduction of building
18 permit fees for commercial and residential construction and renovations that pursue Leadership
19 in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) certification, in accordance with the U.S. Green
20 Building Council's LEED green building rating system as adopted by the Maryland Green

1 Building Council, at the levels described in this Subsection.

2 (1) Commercial and Residential Buildings:

3 (A) LEED certified silver – 25% reduction;

4 (B) LEED certified gold – 50% reduction; and

5 (C) LEED certified platinum – 75% reduction.

6 (2) Enforcement: To protect the public from providing permit fee reductions for the
7 benefit of a building project that may ultimately fail to satisfy the standards set forth in this
8 Subsection, the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement shall
9 require that proof of certification at the level at which the fees were reduced. Should the project
10 not meet the LEED certification requirements of this Subsection within eighteen full months
11 after issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, the County shall require a refund of the permit fee
12 reduction from the permitted project.

13 (3) The Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement is
14 authorized to adopt regulations to enforce this Subsection.

15 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the permit fees for the installation of solar
16 panels are hereby reduced by 50%.

17 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
18 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.