

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-073-2025

**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 06/10/2025

**Action:** FAVORABLE

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**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 consider CR-073-2025. The Acting County Executive transmitted this Resolution for the Council's consideration to approve and adopt. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Director gave an overview of the Resolution.

CR-073-2025 is required by state law to adjust the School Facilities Surcharge for inflation based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) each fiscal year.

The CPI-U showed a 2.3% increase from April 2024 to April 2025, resulting in a \$270 increase over the Fiscal Year 2025 public school facilities surcharge of \$11,950 for permits issued for buildings located between Interstate Highway 495 and the District of Columbia. This also applies to permits for buildings included within a basic plan or conceptual site plan that is adjacent to an existing or planned mass transit rail station operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority or the Maryland Transit Administration. For all other buildings, the CPI-U increase results in a surcharge increase of \$472 over the Fiscal Year 2025 school facilities surcharge of \$20,500.

For Fiscal Year 2026, the surcharge will be \$12,220 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 or Maryland Transit Administration; and \$20,972 for permits issued for all other buildings.

Staff recommended a technical amendment to remove the word "retroactively" from page 2 of CR-073-2025 if it is adopted before July 1, 2025.

The Policy Analysis and Fiscal Note submitted by the Budget and Policy Analysis Division indicated that the adoption of CR-073-2025 may increase the available funds that can be used to offset the costs of bond debt service (both principal and interest), which provides funding for school facilities.

According to the School Facilities and Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge Annual Report from the Office of Management and Budget, the County collected approximately \$34.5 million in school facilities surcharge revenues in Fiscal Year 2024 (the last complete fiscal year as of the report date). In Fiscal Year 2025, expenditures from the school surcharge are proposed to be around \$31.6 million. The adoption of CR-073-2025 is not expected to have any 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-073-2025.

Ms. Terry Bell from the Office of Law reviewed the legislation and deemed it legally sufficient.

On a motion by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Fisher, the Committee of the Whole voted 9-0 favorably on CR-073-2025.