THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of Audits and Investigations

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

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Deputy Council Administrator

THRU:

David H. Van Dyke JHV County Auditor

FROM:

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Senior Legislative Auditor

RE:

Fiscal Impact Statement

CB-013-2016 Fire Safety Code

Pursuant to your request, we have reviewed CB-013-2016 to estimate its fiscal impact on Prince George's County, Maryland.

CB-013-2016 amends the Prince George's County Fire Safety Code to define open burning and to strengthen regulations governing open burning. The proposed legislation will require a person eighteen (18) years of age, or older, to be in direct view of the open fire, until such fire is completely extinguished. Burning by open fire for more than one (1) day will also require the notification of Public Safety Communications prior to 8am on each day of the burning. Specific conditions are also being appended to Section 11-268 of the Fire Safety Code to further strengthen and clarify the requirements for open burning, recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces.

Enactment of CB-013-2016 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.