

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2015 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-46-2015

Chapter No. 34

Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Toles, Lehman, Harrison, Davis and Taveras

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 21, 2015

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Fire Safety Code

3 For the purpose of amending the Prince George’s County Fire Safety Code to adopt the standards
4 of the National Fire Protection Association regarding increasing administrative fees for
5 apartment buildings related to fire safety.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 11. FIRE SAFETY.

8 Section 11-163

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2011 Edition; 2014 Supplement).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
12 Maryland, that Section 11-163 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
13 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

14 SUBTITLE 11. FIRE SAFETY.

15 DIVISION 2. ADMINISTRATION.

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17 **Sec. 11-163. Fire Inspection Fees.**

18 The schedule of fees to be charged by the Fire/EMS Department to cover the administrative costs
19 associated with the inspections required by this Subtitle shall be:

OCCUPANCY	FEE
(1) Assembly:	

OCCUPANCY		FEE
(a)	1,001 or more individuals	\$360.00
(b)	301-1,000 individuals	\$240.00
(c)	50-300 individuals	\$120.00
(2) Fairgrounds:		
(a)	Nine buildings or less	\$240.00
(b)	10 or more buildings	\$480.00
(3) Educational (Non Public Schools):		
(a)	Elementary, Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Schools	\$120.00
(b)	Middle or Junior High School	\$180.00
(c)	Senior High School	\$180.00
(4) Family or Group Day Care Homes:		
(a)	Initial Inspection	\$75.00
(b)	Renewal Inspection	\$50.00
(5) Nursery or Day Care Center		\$100.00
(6) Health Care:		
(a)	Ambulatory Health Care Center Per 3,000 Sq. Ft. or portion	\$180.00
(b)	Hospital, Nursing Home, Limited Care Facility [Per Building]	\$120.00 per Building + \$2.50 per Bed inspected
(7) Detention and Correctional: (fee may be waived) [Per building]		\$120.00 per Building + \$2.50 per Bed inspected
(8) Residential:		
(a)	Hotel and Motel	\$120.00 per Building + \$2.50 per Guest Room inspected
(b)	Dormitory	\$120.00 per Building + \$2.50 per Bed inspected
(c)	Apartment Buildings i. <u>Charged for the time of personnel of the Office of the Fire Marshal in conducting periodic fire and life safety inspections. (Fee calculation per hour or portion thereof, shall include time for travel, report writing, re-inspection, research and witnessing tests).</u> ii. <u>Fee payment shall be made within 30 days of issuance of an invoice.</u>	[\$120.00 per Building + \$2.50 per Apartment inspected] \$125.00 per hour
(d)	Lodging or Rooming House	\$120.00 + \$2.50 per Bed inspected
(e)	1 and 2 Family Dwellings	\$75.00
(f)	Foster Care Homes	\$75.00
(g)	Alternative Living Units	\$75.00
(h)	Board and Care Home [Per Building]	\$120.00 per Building + \$2.50 per Bed inspected
(9) Mercantile:		
(a)	Class A - Over 30,000 Sq. Ft.	\$300.00
(b)	Class B - 3,000 to 30,000 Sq. Ft.	\$150.00
(c)	Class C - Less than 3,000 Sq. Ft.	\$100.00

OCCUPANCY	FEE
(10) Businesses per 3,000 Sq. Ft. or portion thereof Industrial or Storage	\$120.00
(a) Low or Ordinary Hazard Per 5,000 Sq. Ft. or portion thereof	\$120.00
(b) High Hazard Per 5,000 Sq. Ft. or portion thereof	\$200.00
(11) Manufactured Home Sites and Communities Per Facility	\$120.00 + \$2.50 per Site
(12) Campgrounds:	
(a) Vehicular Campgrounds Per Facility (campsite)	\$120.00 + \$2.50 per Site
(b) Campgrounds With sleeping accommodations per facility	\$180.00 + \$2.50 per Bed inspected
(c) Campgrounds Without sleeping accommodations per facility	\$120.00
(13) Outside Storage of Combustible Materials Per Acre of scrap tire, lumber, mulch, tree stumps, etc.	\$60.00
(14) Outside Storage of Flammable or Combustible Liquids or Gases, Drums and/or Tanks Per 5,000 Sq. Ft. or portion thereof	\$120.00
(15) Marinas and Piers:	
(a) Marina, Pier, Bulkhead or portion thereof used for boat services	\$120.00 + \$1.50 per slip
(16) Fireworks Shoot:	
(a) Site Inspection and subsequent permit sign-off	\$50.00 per Site
(b) On-Site Inspector, per event (\$50.00/hour, four-hour minimum)	\$200.00
(17) Re-Inspection Fee: Applies if more than one re-inspection outlined above, with the exception of apartment buildings, is required to correct any previously identified fire code violation.	\$150.00
(18) Technical Assistance Fee:	\$75.00 per hour
(a) Charged for the expertise of any member of the Office of the Fire Marshal or Staff. (Fee calculation per hour or portion thereof, shall include travel, report writing, research, and witnessing tests).	
(b) Fee payment shall be required by certified check, money order or prior arrangement, and shall be collected immediately upon the completion of the inspection regardless of the results.	

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2 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
 3 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
 4 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
 5 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
 6 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this

1 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
2 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
3 or section.

4 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
5 calendar days after its adoption.

Adopted this 9th day of September, 2015.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

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