

## Prince George's County Council

### Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 7/27/2004  
**Reference No.:** CB-038-2004  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Proposer(s):** County Executive  
**Sponsor(s):** Hendershot, Peters, Bland  
**Item Title:** An Act authorizing the Director of Finance to set a fee for copies of tax bills

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**Drafter:** David Leibowitz, Office of Law  
**Resource Personnel:** J. Michael Dougherty, Jr.

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#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>	6/15/2004	<b>Executive Action:</b>	8/16/2004 S
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	6/15/2004 - PSFM	<b>Effective Date:</b>	10/1/2004

**Committee Action:** 6/23/2004 - FAV

**Date Introduced:** 7/6/2004  
**Public Hearing:** 7/27/2004 - 10:00 AM

**Council Action (1)** 7/27/2004 - ENACTED  
**Council Votes:** MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:-, DCH:A, TH:A, TK:A, DP:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Remarks:**

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#### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

10-139

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#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Date 6/23/2004**

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0, (In favor: Councilmembers Peters, Harrington and Hendershot.)

This bill will amend the determination of fees for copies of tax bills by deleting the amount of One Dollar and allowing the Director of Finance to determine the amount of the fee for any person or corporation. However, it does not change the current legislation that allows copies of tax bills at no charge to any governmental agency or individual taxpayer for their own property.

The intent of this legislation is to recover the costs associated with researching and printing of the tax bills. The fees charged in Anne Arundel and Montgomery County are \$10.00 which are significantly higher than Prince George's County. This legislation will allow the Office of Finance to continue to provide copies of these tax bills but at a more appropriate cost related to the time and expense of the service rendered as determined by the Director of Finance.

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

The fiscal impact on the County will be positive as a result of enacting CB-38-2004. Based on the County's request for tax bills of between three and four thousand per fiscal year, there would be a positive fiscal impact of approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 per fiscal year.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

This bill amends the fee for copies of tax bills by authorizing the Director of Finance to set a fee for copies of tax bills.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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