

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-050-2025

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Fisher

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Housing Code

3 For the purpose of establishing an investigation unit within the Department of Permitting,
4 Inspections and Enforcement to aid in the investigation of certain Code violations; providing for
5 certain staff and advisory and supervisory personnel; providing for certain reporting
6 requirements; and generally regarding Housing Code enforcement.

7 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

8 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.

9 Section 13-110

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
13 Maryland, that Section 13-110 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
14 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

15 **SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.**

16 **DIVISION 1. HOUSING CODE.**

17 **SUBDIVISION 2. AMENDMENTS TO HOUSING CODE.**

18 **Sec. 13-110. - Same; Section 104, Duties and Powers of the Code Official.**

19 (a) Section 104.3 is amended to read as follows:

20 "104.3 Inspections. Subject to the limitations and conditions as hereinafter stated in this
21 Section, it shall be the duty of the Code Official to make, or cause to be made, inspections as

1 often as necessary to determine the conditions of dwellings, multifamily dwellings, dwelling
 2 units, rooming houses, rooming units, and premises in order to safeguard the safety and welfare
 3 of the public under the provisions of this Code. Such inspections shall be made in response to
 4 citizen or official complaints or other reliable information or allegations of existing violations of
 5 the Code. Further, inspections of dwellings, dwelling units, rooming houses, rooming units, and
 6 premises shall be made on a systematic basis (e.g., house by house, block by block) in areas,
 7 communities, or neighborhoods when it is determined by the Code Official that such action is
 8 necessary to properly apply and enforce the provisions of this Code. An investigation unit shall
 9 be established to aid in the investigation of persistent and critical violations of this Code. The
 10 investigation unit shall consist of Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement staff
 11 and an advisory supervisor from the Prince George’s County Department of the Environment
 12 and the Revenue Authority. All reports of such inspections and investigations by the
 13 investigation unit shall be in writing and shall be certified by a responsible officer of such
 14 approved agency or by the responsible individual. The Code Official is authorized to engage
 15 such expert opinion as deemed necessary to report upon unusual technical issues that arise,
 16 subject to the approval of the appointing authority."

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18 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
 19 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
 20 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
 21 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
 22 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
 23 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
 24 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
 25 or section.

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

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
 GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Tara H. Jackson
Acting 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.

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