

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

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REPORT: COMMITTEE VOTE: 3-0 FAVORABLE(Councilmembers: Toles, Harrison, and Turner)

This resolution will adjust the Public Safety Surcharge for inflation based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers effective July 1, 2014, as required by State law. The CPI shows an inflation rate of 2.0% between April 2013 to April 2014. The increase results in a change in the Public Safety Surcharge for FY 2014. Applying the inflation rate of 2.0% to the current Public Safety Surcharge rate of \$2,391 for residential permits issued inside the Developed Tier and inside an area included in a certain Basic Plan or Conceptual Site Plan and \$7,170 for permits issued for all other buildings. The FY 2015 Public Safety Surcharge rate is increased to \$2,439 for permits issued for construction located inside the Develop Tier and \$7,314 for permits for all other buildings reflecting an increase of \$48 to \$144 respectively.

Based on the previous fiscal year's estimate of 200 permits being subject to the Public Safety Surcharge, with approximately 87% of the residential building permits issued for properties outside of the Developed Tier and 13% issued for properties within the Developed Tier total Public Safety Surcharge revenues in FY 2015 are estimated at approximately \$1,336,050. Applying the 2.0% inflation adjustment, as proposed in CR-56-2014, will generate an estimated \$26,304 more in Public Safety Surcharge revenues than what would have been generated from the existing FY 2014 Public Safety Surcharge rates, based on the building permits estimated.

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 adoption of CR-56-2014 will have a positive fiscal impact on the County with the estimated increase revenues of approximately \$26,304 in FY 2015.