



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/17/2020 **Effective Date:** 2/1/2021
Reference No.: CB-078-2020 **Chapter Number:** 73
Draft No.: 2 **Public Hearing Date:** 11/17/2020 @ 1:30 PM
Proposer(s): Ivey
Sponsor(s): Ivey, Turner, Streeter, Davis, Glaros, Anderson-Walker, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Taveras and Dernoga
Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF A RENT INCREASE THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AFTER THE ADOPTION OF CB-16- 2020, WHICH PROHIBITED CERTAIN ACTS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS for the purpose of amending the Landlord-Tenant Code to limit a landlord’s ability to increase rent for certain tenants above a certain amount; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; and generally relating to rent increases.

Drafter: Monica Best-James, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Monica Young, Chief of Staff/Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/29/2020	County Council	presented and referred	COW
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Ivey and referred to the Sitting as the Board of Health		
10/13/2020	COW	Held in Committee	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Glaros, seconded by Council Member Davis, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 11 Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras		
10/20/2020	COW	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Vice Chair Hawkins, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:		

Aye: 10 Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Glaros, Harrison,
Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

Absent: 1 Franklin

10/20/2020 County Council introduced

Action Text:

Draft 2 of this Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Turner, Streeter, Davis, Glaros, Anderson-Walker, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Taveras and Dernoga.

11/17/2020 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

This public hearing was held.

11/17/2020 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison,
Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

12/17/2020 County Executive signed

Action Text:

This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

13-142 13-140 13-139

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a horrendous impact on the national economy and has created an eviction crisis nationwide. This crisis has made it necessary for the Governor of Maryland to declare a State-of-Emergency and to impose a moratorium on evictions to protect Maryland's citizens. However, the Governor's Executive Orders preventing evictions has not prevented rent increases for renters that are not able to prove that they are covered by the protections provided in CB-16-2020.

This bill will limit rent increases to a maximum amount of 2.6% annually for renters that are not covered by the Governor's State-of-Emergency declaration or the protections of CB-16-2020. It will be effective as of the date of the Governor's State-of-Emergency and the relevant Executive Orders and it will extend the protections up to 90 days after the Governor lifts the current State-Of-Emergency.

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