

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2006 Legislative Session**

**REORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL**

Executive Order No. 7-2006

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Chapter No. 24

Action by Council Approved

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 7-2006

WHEREAS, the County has a Department of Environmental Resources that is charged with responding to the needs of the public by improving the quality of life through the enhancement and cultivation of the natural and created environment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Resources has a Site Review Section within its Permits/Review Division, that is responsible for Stormdrain and Stormwater Management easements, Stormwater Management Concept and Technical review, Bond estimate and review, floodplain information and easements review, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area review, and Inter-Agency Development Review of Jurisdictional Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Resources also has a Site Development Section within its Licenses/Inspections Division that is responsible for the inspection, monitoring, and compliance of active construction and land development activities; and

WHEREAS, the County has a Department of Public Works and Transportation that is charged with providing safe, accessible transportation systems, effective transportation infrastructure design and maintenance, improvements and beautification; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Transportation has an Engineering and Inspection Services Division, which is responsible for reviewing and approving all permit applications and engineering plans for work within the public rights-of-way; issuing permits for and inspecting all construction work within the public rights-of-way; reviewing and commenting on M-NCPPC Preliminary and Detailed Site Plans referrals; and reviewing requests for special exemptions from normal construction requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has determined that transferring the Site Review Section and Site Development Section from the Department of Environmental Resources to the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Engineering and Inspection Services Division will streamline the permit review process; bring together similar occupations to work more efficiently to be more responsive to the public; and reduce the amount of time it now takes to navigate through the permits process; and

WHEREAS, Section 503 of the Prince George's County Charter provides that the County Executive may propose changes to the organization for the Executive branch, including the establishment or abolition of agencies, and the assignment of functions, powers and duties among agencies, which proposals shall be set forth in Executive Orders in statutory form and be submitted to the County Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

SECTION 1. The Schedule of Legislation of the Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATION

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#### **Section 6. Department of Public Works and Transportation.**

There shall be a Department of Public Works and Transportation headed by a Director of Public Works and Transportation. The Director of Public Works and Transportation shall coordinate all appropriate transportation plans, matters or activities, as necessary, with the Maryland State Department of Transportation, and all other Federal, State, Regional and local offices, agencies, boards, commissions or departments that deal with the subject of transportation as specified in law. He shall administer construction and maintenance of all public works, which shall include but not be limited to roads, streets, stormwater facilities, and bridges, and such other functions as may be required by law.

#### **Section 11. Department of Environmental Resources.**

There shall be a Department of Environmental Resources headed by a Director of Environmental Resources. The Director of Environmental Resources shall be responsible for the overall administration and coordination of the County's environmental policies and programs including, but not limited to, solid waste and recycling management, water and sewer planning, and water quality and flood management planning. The Director shall study and report on master plans, capital improvement programs, and any planning and zoning matters which may be referred to the Executive branch. The Director shall be responsible for the administration of County laws relating to business licensing and the processing of complaints against such businesses. The Director shall also be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the County's permitting functions as assigned by law. These functions shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) Housing regulations and inspections;
- (2) Construction standards, including plans review and inspections, and enforcement of building and fire codes related to building permits;
- (3) Zoning enforcement;
- (4) Property standards; and
- (5) [Stormwater facility standards; and]
- [(6)] Animal control.

Additional responsibilities relating to permit granting and inspectional authority may be assigned by law.

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SECTION 2. This Order shall be submitted to the County Council pursuant to Section 503 of the Prince George's County Charter and, thereafter, shall become effective sixty (60) calendar days after such submission unless disapproved by a majority vote of the full Council.

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Jack B. Johnson  
County Executive

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

**Attachment A: Transfer of Functions from the Department of Environmental Resources  
to the Department of Public Works and Transportation**

Budget Character Detail

<b>Stormwater Management Enterprise Fund</b>	<u>FY 2007 Approved</u>
Compensation	\$1,445,100
Fringe Benefits	\$ 474,100
Operating Expenses	\$ 104,100
Capital Outlay	-
Recoveries	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,023,300</b>
<b>Staffing</b>	
Full Time	28