

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

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<b>Reference No.:</b>	CB-46-2015
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<b>Committee:</b>	PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT
<b>Date:</b>	07-16-2015
<b>Action:</b>	<b>FAVORABLE</b>

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**REPORT:** Committee Vote: **Favorable**, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Patterson, Harrison, Lehman, Taveras, and Turner)

CB-46-2015 seeks to amend the Prince George's County Fire Safety Code by changing the method for calculations of fire inspection fees for apartment buildings. The fee will change from \$120.00 per building and \$2.50 per apartment inspected, to an hourly rate of \$125.00. The fee only applies to Office of the Fire Marshall personnel who conduct fire inspections and will cover travel, report writing, research and witnessing tests.

The Office of Audits and Investigations finds that the enactment of CB-46-2015 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County. FIRE/EMS personnel estimate that the fees collected will cover the cost of personnel conducting the inspections as well as any needed tools, supplies and equipment.

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 Apartment and Building Association (AOBA) supports the proposed bill and further pointed out that Fire inspections are also charged on an hourly basis in our surrounding jurisdictions.