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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement

CB-059-2022

CB-059-2022 (*Proposed and presented by:* Council Member Taveras)

Assigned to the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS for the purpose of requiring the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE) to implement a review process for permits to install electric vehicle charging stations at single family and multi-family homes.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact

Expenditures: No additional expenditures likely.

Revenue: No additional revenue likely.

Indirect Impact

None likely.

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Legislative Summary

CB-059-2022¹, proposed by Council Member Taveras, was presented on June 21, 2022, and referred to the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee. CB-059-2022 would create "Sec. 4-271. Electric Charging Stations" under "Division 3. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure" under the County Building Code and add a requirement that the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE) create and implement guidelines and a review process for permits to install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in certain housing dwellings.

Background/Current Law

The current Prince George's County Building Code, under Subtitle 4 of the County Code, does not include any guidelines or mandates for review processes for EV charging stations. The bill would be the first in expanding these requirements within the Code.

Resource Personnel

Jobina C. Brown, Policy and Communications Director, District 2.

Discussion/Policy Analysis

CB-059-2022 would codify certain processes which DPIE already conducts. Rather than expanding requirements, the bill would simply ensure that a review process cannot be ignored in the future.

The bill, however, only mandates that DPIE create guidelines and a review process, while leaving the details of such up to the Department.

DPIE's current guidelines for residential electric vehicle charging stations distinguish between Level 1 and Level 2 charging stations and impose different permit requirements for residential and commercial permits. These were last updated on September 2, 2022 and can be found here.

¹ CB-059-2022.

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Fiscal Impact

• Direct Impact

CB-059-2022 is not expected to have any direct fiscal impact to the County as the bill only codifies the requirement of a review process which DPIE already conducts.

• Indirect Impact

CB-059-2022 could have an indirect positive impact in the County's EV charging infrastructure for residential buildings by ensuring that new EV infrastructure kept up to code.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation

The proposed Bill shall be effective forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please email me.