

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-90-2015
Draft No.: 2
Committee: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT
Date: October 15, 2015
Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable with Amendments, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Lehman Turner, Glaros and Taveras)

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-90 - 2015 concerns THE BUILDING CODE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of updating the provisions of the Building Code of Prince George's County (the "County") to conform to the 2015 editions of the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Energy Conservation Code and the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings.

Susan Hubbard and Bellur Ravishankar with the Prince Georges County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement provided additional information and spoke in support of this legislation.

The amendments were as follows:

1. Page 5, lines 27, 28, 29

FROM: undergo one hundred percent (100%) repairs or renovations [which, in the opinion of the Fire Code Official, exceed fifty percent (50%) of the assessed value] of the building

TO: Should be changed to: [undergo] ,which in the opinion of the [Fire Code Official] Director or the Director's designee, exceed fifty percent (50 %) of the assessed value of the building . . .

2. Page 31, Lines 3 and 4

FROM: [Fire Code Official or the Fire Code Official's authorized representative] and inserted: Director or the Director's designee.

TO: Should not be the Director or the Director's designee, rather, it should have remained what was bracketed out: Fire Code Official or the Fire Code Official's authorized representative.

3. Page 35. Sec. 4-157, Line 1

ADD: *after* Director's designee, add: as provided for in the joint Memorandum of Understanding between the Fire Department and DPIE prior to the issuance of a building permit.

4. Page 61. Section 4-223 "Safeguard during construction. Section 1333, Accessibility for Emergency Vehicles" was not changed and left as it, but should be added
5. Page 67, Subtitle 4, after Section R-502.7.2 insert:

Sec. M1503.4. Make Up Air Required.

(a) The following revision is made to Sec. 1503.4 Make Up Air Required of the International Residential Code:

- (1) M1503.4. Makeup air required. Exhaust hood systems capable of exhausting [in excess of] more than 400 cubic feet per minute (0.19m³/s) shall be mechanically or naturally provided with makeup air at a rate approximately equal to the exhaust air rate in excess of 400 cubic feet per minute. Such makeup air systems shall be equipped with not less than one damper. Each damper shall be a gravity damper or an electrically operated damper that automatically opens when the exhaust system operates. Dampers shall be accessible for inspection, service, repair and replacement without removing permanent construction or any other ducts not connected to the damper being inspected, serviced, repaired or replaced.

The Office of Law determined that CB-90-2015 was in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enactment CB-90-2015.