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THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of Audits and Investigations

June 20, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Robert J. Williams, Jr. Council Administrator

William M. Hunt

Deputy Council Administrator

FROM:

David H. Van Dyke

County Auditor

RE:

Fiscal Impact Statement

CR-049-2016 Public Safety Surcharge

At your request, we have reviewed CR-049-2016, to estimate the proposed Resolution's fiscal impact on Prince George's County, Maryland.

CR-049-2016 adjusts the County's public safety surcharge for annual changes in the CPI rate for Fiscal Year 2017, beginning July 1, 2016, as required by State law. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers shows a percentage change increase of 1.1% between April 2015 and April 2016. Applying the 1.1% increase to the current FY 2016 public safety surcharge rates of \$2,434 (Developed Tier, as defined by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in the Prince George's County Approved General Plan and inside an area included in certain basic plans or conceptual site plans) and \$7,299 (all other buildings) produces new FY 2017 public safety surcharge rates of \$2,461 (Developed Tier, as defined by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in the Prince George's County Approved General Plan and inside an area included in certain basic plan or conceptual site plans) and \$7,379 (all other buildings), reflecting an increase of \$27 and \$80, respectively.

Based on a fiscal year estimate of 500 permits being subject to the public safety surcharge, with approximately 50% issued for properties within the Developed Tier or areas included in certain basic or conceptual site plans, and 50% of the residential building permits issued for all other buildings, total public safety surcharge revenues in FY 2017 are estimated at approximately \$2,460,000. Applying the 1.1% inflation adjustment, as proposed in CR-049-2016, will result in an estimated increase of \$24,750 in public safety surcharge revenues than what would have been generated from the existing FY 2016 school facilities surcharge rates, based on the number of building permits estimated.

Adoption of CR-049-2016 will increase County revenues by an estimated \$24,750 in FY 2017, based on an estimated 500 permits subject to surcharge.

If you require additional information or have questions regarding the fiscal impact statement, please call me.