

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
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Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Davis, Taveras, Lehman, Patterson, and Turner)

CR-37-2018 is a Resolution required pursuant to State law adjusting the public safety surcharge for inflation based upon the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) each fiscal year. The CPI-U between April 2017 and April 2018 shows a 2.5% increase and results in a \$63 increase above the Fiscal Year 2018 public safety surcharge of \$2,515 for permits issued inside the Developed Tier and inside an area included in a certain basic or conceptual site plan. The increase in the CPI-U results in a \$189 increase above the Fiscal Year 2018 public safety surcharge of \$7,541 for permits issued for all other buildings.

The Fiscal Year 2019 surcharge rates shall be \$2,578 for permits issued inside the Developed Tier, as defined by the Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission in the Prince George's County Approved General Plan, and for construction inside an area included in a basic plan or conceptual site plan that abuts an existing or planned mass transit rail station site operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and that complies with the requirements of any sector plan, master plan or overlay zone approved by the Prince George's County District Council. For all other buildings, the public safety surcharge shall be \$7,730.

Stanley Early, Director, Office of Management and Budget, provided an overview of CR-37-2018.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reports the adoption of CR-37-2018 may increase the County Revenue by an estimated \$122,000 in FY 2019, based on estimated 835 permits being issued subject to the surcharge.

The Office of Law reports CR-37-2018 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

After discussion, the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee reported CR-37-2018 out favorably, 5-0.