



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of Audits and Investigations

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.
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THRU: Josh Hamlin
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FROM: Warren E. Burris, Sr.
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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CB-56-2020 Building Code of Prince George's County

CB-56-2020 (Proposed and presented by: The Chair of the Council at the request of the County Executive)

Assigned to the Committee of the Whole

AN ACT CONCERNING 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 2018 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.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: Minimal

Revenues: None

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Indirect Impact:

Likely positive

Legislative Summary:

CB-56-2020 sponsored by the Council Chair (by request – County Executive) was presented to the County Council on September 9, 2020 and referred to the Committee of the Whole. CB-56-2020 would repeal and reenact with amendments Subtitle 4 of the Prince George’s Building Code, with specific attention to Sections 4-101, 4-103, 4-105, 4-106, 4-107, 4-110, 4-111, 4-112, 4-113, 4-118, 4-123, 4-125, 4-135, 4-143, 4-144, 4-145, 4-146, 4-147, 4-148, 4-149, 4-151, 4-157, 4-158, 4-163, 4-165, 4-166, 4-167, 4-168, 4-169, 4-170, 4-172, 4-173, 4-187, 4-188, 4-189, 4-189.01, 4-190, 4-192, 4-193, 4-194, 4-195, 4-196, 4-201, 4-203, 4-204, 4-209, 4-210, 4-211, 4-223, 4-231, 4-239, 4-241, 4-243, 4-246, 4-248, 4-249, 4-250, 4-254, 4-255 and 4-352.

Current Law/Background:

The purpose of this Bill is to amend Sub-Title 4 to conform to the 2018 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.

Resource Personnel:

DPIE Staff
Council Administration

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

- *Potential Benefits of Enacting CB-56-2020*

Enacting CB-56-2020 would update the building codes to conform to the new standards, with the expectation that public safety will benefit from increased safety standards. This represents a health and safety measure for Prince George’s County residents and increase safety measures for our buildings and environment,

- *Potential Costs of Enacting CB-56-2020*

Enactment of CB-56-2020 may require additional marketing, educating, and enforcement of DPIE staff, builders and the public. There may be a need for additional enforcement to ensure compliance with the new building code. These changes in the legislation ensure the County conforms to the 2018 International Building Code, International Mechanical Code, International Energy Conservation Code, and the International Residential Code for one and two-family dwelling units as required by law.

Fiscal Impact:

Direct Impact

Enactment of CB-56-2020 may require minimum additional expenditures due to the increased staff training, additional enforcement, and marketing for staff, builders and the public to implement, monitor and enforce the new building code.

Indirect Impact

There would likely be a positive indirect impact to the community as increased standards for dwelling units.

Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget

No.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

Forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

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