

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney *A. Mihill*
Michael Faden, Senior Legislative Attorney

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing:** Bill 10-14, Buildings – Solar Permits – Expedited Review

Bill 10-14, Buildings – Solar Permits – Expedited Review, sponsored by Councilmembers Berliner, Floreen, and Riemer, Council Vice President Leventhal, Council President Rice, and Councilmembers Elrich, Andrews, and Navarro, was introduced on January 28, 2014. A Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Bill 10-14 would require the Department of Permitting Services to implement an expedited review process for permits to install rooftop solar photovoltaic systems and require the Department to charge reduced fees for those permits.

Councilmember Berliner explained the purpose of this Bill in his January 14 memorandum describing his proposed energy/environmental package. See ©20 of Bill 2-14, Agenda Item 13.

The Fiscal and Economic Impact statement for this Bill will be transmitted after March 17 (see ©4).

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Bill No. 10-14
Concerning: Buildings – Solar Permits –
Expedited Review
Revised: 12/9/2013 Draft No. 1
Introduced: January 28, 2014
Expires: July 28, 2015
Enacted: _____
Executive: _____
Effective: _____
Sunset Date: None
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmembers Berliner, Floreen, and Riemer, Council Vice President Leventhal, Council President Rice, and Councilmembers Elrich, Andrews, and Navarro

AN ACT to:

- (1) require the Department of Permitting Services to implement an expedited review process for permits to install rooftop solar photovoltaic systems;
- (2) require the Department to charge reduced fees for permits to install rooftop solar photovoltaic systems; and
- (2) generally amend County law regarding building permits.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 8, Buildings
Section 8-24C

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 10-14

Buildings – Solar Permits – Expedited Review

DESCRIPTION: Would require the Department of Permitting Services to implement an expedited review process for permits to install rooftop solar photovoltaic systems, and to charge reduced fees for those permits.

PROBLEM: Permitting times and costs may discourage some residents from applying for permits to install certain renewable energy devices, including solar photovoltaic systems.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: To encourage residents to increase the use of solar photovoltaic systems.

COORDINATION: Department of Permitting Services

FISCAL IMPACT: To be requested.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: To be requested.

EVALUATION: To be requested.

EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE: To be researched.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Amanda Mihill, 240-777-7815

APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES: To be researched.

PENALTIES: N/A



ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEMORANDUM

February 5, 2014

TO: Craig Rice, President, County Council

FROM: Jennifer A. Hughes, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Joseph F. Beach, Director, Department of Finance

SUBJECTS: Bill 2-14, Environmental Sustainability – Buildings – Benchmarking
Bill 3-14, Buildings – Energy Efficiency – Energy Standards
Bill 4-14, Street and Roads – County Street Lights
Bill 5-14, Environmental Sustainability – Social Cost of Carbon Assessments
Bill 6-14, Environmental Sustainability - Office of Sustainability – Established
Bill 7-14, Contracts and Procurement – Certified Green Business Program
Bill 8-14, Buildings – County Buildings – Clean Energy Renewable Technology
Bill 9-14, Environmental Sustainability – Renewable Energy – County Purchase
Bill 10-14, Buildings – Solar Permits – Expedited Review
Bill 11-14, Buildings – Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permits – Expedited Review

As required by Section 2-81A of the County Code, we are informing you that transmittal of the fiscal and economic impact statements for the above referenced legislation will be delayed because more time is needed to coordinate with the affected departments, collect information, and complete our analysis of the fiscal and economic impacts. While we are not able to conduct the required detailed analyses at this time, it is clear that a number of these bills could have significant fiscal impacts.

Due to this year's heavy workload on Executive branch staff in developing both a full capital budget and an operating budget, the fiscal and economic statements will be transmitted after March 17, 2014.

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