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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 48 - 2018

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and
Cosponsored by Jon Weinstein

AN ACT amending certain fees, as previously set by Resolution 62-2017, as amended by Resolution 57-2018; Resolution 111-2012; and Resolution 60-2017, as amended by Resolution 55-2018, for a limited time and related to property damaged by severe flooding in Howard County in 2018; and making this Act an Emergency Bill.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2018. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2018.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2018 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2018 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2018

Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strikeout~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive issued Executive Order 2018-07 on May 27, 2018
2 declaring a State of Emergency related to a severe flooding event in Howard County, Maryland; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Executive Orders 2018-08 and 2018-10 established a No Access Area
5 pursuant to the Declaration of the State of Emergency; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the damage caused by the flooding event will require extensive
8 reconstruction and repair by multiple businesses, residents, and other property owners; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the damage caused by the flooding requires reconstruction and repair that
11 will necessitate County-issued permits; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, residents, businesses, and other property owners are anticipated to promptly
14 apply to the County for certain permits and licenses as part of their repair and recovery efforts; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the fees for County permits and licenses are due prior to issuance of the
17 permits and licenses; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, property owners, residents, and business owners affected by the flooding
20 are facing undue hardships but must also perform certain work on their properties to make them
21 usable and habitable; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, reducing the cost of reconstruction and repair by reducing the fees as
24 provided in this Act for a period of time is one way that the County can assist the property
25 owners, residents, and business owners with financial relief; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, reducing the cost of reconstruction and repair will support and accelerate
28 the recovery of both damaged properties and affected areas as a whole, and thus is necessary to
29 protect public health, safety, and welfare and to protect property.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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3 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that:

4 1. *The schedule of fees and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County*
5 *Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, as set by Resolution No. 62-2017,*
6 *as amended by Resolution No. 57-2018, is hereby amended, for each of the following*
7 *schedules:*

8 *Building, Grading & Miscellaneous Construction Permits*

9 *Fire Protection Permits*

10 *Building Permit & Miscellaneous Fees*

11 *Fire Protection Permit Fees*

12 *Grading, Drainage, and Erosion Control Permit Fees*

13 *Electrical Fee Schedules*

14 *Electrical Permit Fee Schedule*

15 *Plumbing Fees*

16 *Schedule of Plumbing Permit Fees, and*

17 *Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Permit; and,*

18 2. *The Food Service Facility Fee Schedule for certain functions regulated by the*
19 *Howard County Department of Health, as set by Resolution No. 111-2012, is hereby*
20 *amended, for each of the following:*

21 *Food Service Facility Licenses*

22 *Temporary Food Service Facility*

23 3. *For each of the schedules referenced in Items 1 and 2, for permits and licenses to*
24 *perform work located anywhere in Howard County arising from the ~~May 28, 2018~~*
25 *May 27, 2018 disaster, as declared by Executive Order 2018-07, the fee shall be*
26 *\$0.00 (zero dollars and zero cents), provided a valid permit or license application is*
27 *submitted during the period ~~May 28, 2018~~ May 27, 2018 through January 31, 2019.*
28 *This shall apply to properties included on the County's list of properties damaged as*
29 *a result of the 2018 floods, and to properties for which the owners provide*
30 *information satisfactory to the County demonstrating that the properties were*
31 *damaged as a result of the 2018 floods.*

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4. *The schedule for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities, as set by Resolution No. 60-2017, as amended by Resolution No. 55-2018, is hereby amended, for each of the following schedules:*

- General System Benefit Charge*
- In-Aid-Of-Construction Charges*
- Charges for Unmetered Water Connections Associated With Private Fire Protection Systems*
- Utility Connection Charges*
- Design Approval, Construction Inspection, And Annual Operation, Maintenance, Repair, And Replacement Fees For Shared Sewage Disposal Facilities*
- Annual Operation, Maintenance, Repair And Replacement Fees*
- Utility User Charges And Surcharges Industrial Pre-treatment And Sewer Surcharge Rates*
- Utility Special Charges*

5. *For each of the schedules listed in Item 4, charges incurred for the time period from May 27, 2018 through January 31, 2019, shall be \$0.00 (zero dollars and zero cents) for the property accounts associated with properties located shown in red shading on the map attached as Exhibit A.*

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this Act is an Emergency Bill that is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and, having been passed by two-thirds of the Council, is effective upon enactment.*