

**Office of the County Auditor**  
**Auditor's Analysis**

**Council Bill No. 54-2020**

Introduced: October 5, 2020

Auditor: Maya Cameron

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Fiscal Impact:

There is minimal fiscal impact to the County as a result of this legislation.

According to Department of Inspections, Licensing and Permits, expenses related to training on the 2020 version of the National Electrical Code (NEC) are expected to be minimal and are estimated at approximately **\$4,000** based on prior training costs. This cost was included in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

Approximately 10 copies of the 2020 NEC, which includes copies of the code and/or the NEC Handbook, were purchased with FY 2020 funds totaling **\$1,867.67**.

Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is to adopt the 2020 NEC (aka NFPA 70) as the electrical code for Howard County, including amendments making technical corrections to the electrical code. The code regulates the design, construction, alteration, improvement, or modification to electrical equipment.

Other Comments:

Significant changes to the NEC Code 70 can be found at the link provided here:  
<http://files.esfi.org/file/ESFI-NEC-2020-Infographic-Updated-With-Tag.pdf>