

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 24-2025

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Fiscal Impact:

The current fiscal impact of this legislation is expected to be minimal. The Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits (DILP) has already purchased four printed copies of the updated International Building, International Residential, International Mechanical, International Energy Conservation, and International Swimming Pool and Spa Codes at a cost of between \$51 - \$148 each. Electronic versions of the updated codes are publicly available on the County's website.

County revenues will not be impacted as there will be no additional fees associated with this legislation.

There will be future cost savings from implementing the updated energy conservation code, as new construction to County properties will see lower energy use.

Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is to adopt the 2024 editions of the International Building Code, the International Residential Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code collectively as the Howard County Building Code.

Other Comments:

The code changes are prospective and will only apply to work performed after the adoption of the updated codes, with the exception of smoke detection for residential uses. New smoke detectors complying with the updated code will need to be installed with any new work performed.