



HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Office of the County Auditor

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

Bill Numbers:

19-032, 19-033 and 19-034

Building, Residential,
Mechanical, Electrical
and Plumbing Code
Changes

Sponsor:

Council President Vincenti
at the request of the
County Executive

Estimated Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to
this legislation.

Additional Information:

Version: 01
based on bills as
introduced 12/19/2019

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Summary of Legislation

19-032: AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Chapter 82, Building Construction, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide that Harford County shall adopt as its standard for building regulations the 2018 International Building Code, the 2018 International Residential Code and the 2018 International Mechanical Code with certain amendments thereto; to further provide penalties for the violation of the building standards; and generally relating to buildings and construction in Harford County, Maryland.

19-033: AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection E, Meetings, of Section 16-3, Board of Electrical Examiners, of Article I, Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, of Chapter 16, Departments; and to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Chapter 105, Electricity, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide that Harford County shall adopt as its standard for electrical installations the 2020 National Electrical Code with certain amendments thereto; and generally relating to electrical installations in Harford County.

19-034: AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Chapter 202, Plumbing, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide that Harford County shall adopt as its standard for plumbing regulations the 2018 International Plumbing Code, the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code and the 2018 International Residential Code, with certain amendments thereto; and generally relating to plumbing regulations in Harford County, Maryland.

The bills will take effect 60 days after they are adopted.

Fiscal Analysis

Currently, the County code and charter require facilities to meet the 2015 International Building, Residential and Mechanical Codes; 2014 National Electric Code; 2015 International Plumbing Code; and 2015 International Fuel Gas Code standards. These bills update the County Code to reference the most recent versions of these Standards. The bills remove the Harford-specific modifications to each Standard and revise them to the current version. These bills have no fiscal impact.