Public Safety & Behavioral Health Surcharge

FY 2026

Article 10, Section 10-192.11 Local Laws of Prince George's County

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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October 31, 2026

The Honorable Krystal Oriadha, Chair
Prince George's County Council

The Honorable Ron Watson, Chair
Prince George's County Senate Delegation

The Honorable Nicole A. Williams, Chair
Prince George's County House Delegation

Re: Report required by the Article 10-192.11 Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (MSAR #14048)

Dear Chair Oriadha:

In accordance with Chapter 594 of 2005 as amended by Chapter 610 of 2022, I am submitting this report concerning Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge revenue collected in FY 2026.

Effective July 1, 2005, the surcharge rates were set at $6,000 per unit for construction outside the developed tier and $2,000 per unit for construction inside the developed tier. The rates are adjusted every year based on the Consumer Price Index. The FY 2026 rates were $9,903 and $3,303, respectively.

The surcharge applies to new residential construction for which a preliminary plan has been approved on or after July 1, 2005. The collection of the surcharge normally happens upon the issuance of a building permit, which in many cases is years after the approval of the preliminary plan. The County did not receive any surcharge revenue prior to FY 2008.

Fees Collected

In FY 2026, the County received $15,941,174 in surcharge revenue. The County is required to share at least 25% of the surcharge revenue collected from construction projects located in a municipal corporation that maintains a police department and is also required to provide waivers and partial waivers for various projects per County Code (Sec. 10-192-11). The County's current practice is to place all revenue collected in a fiscal year into assigned balance, which is then allocated in the next proposed budget. This improves transparency and ensures compliance with County law. Each report now shows the amount collected in the most recently completed fiscal year and detailed spending for the prior fiscal year.

FY 2026

Fees collected in FY 2026 were assigned as follows and will be allocated in the proposed FY 2028 budget.

Exhibit 1
Allocation of Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge Revenue
FY 2026

$15,609,843	Reserved for FY 2028 Projects
331,331	25% Allocation to Municipalities
$15,941,174	

Source: Prince George's County Office of Management and Budget
Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, & Enforcement

[1]Preliminary allocation subject to change when FY 2026 data is finalized.

Exhibit 2 provides the current accounting of FY 2025 surcharge revenue, which was largely allocated in FY 2027. Since $3.3 million from FY 2024 was unallocated, the total reflected below includes the remaining spending from FY 2024 and the revenue from FY 2025.

FY 2025

Exhibit 2
Current Allocation of
Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge Revenue
FY 2025

$ 7,000,000	Radio Tower Upgrades (FY 2027)
5,593,700	2024 SCBA Equipment Lease Purchase Financing (FY 2027)
3,000,000	District VI Police Station (FY 2027)
2,102,171	25% Allocation to Municipalities (FY 2008-2022)
978,000	National Harbor Public Safety Building (FY 2027)
609,828	Police Station Renovations (FY 2027)
553,071	25% Allocation to Municipalities (FY 2025)
$ 19,836,770	

Source: Prince George's County Office of Management and Budget

It is our intention to continue to appropriate amounts collected in future fiscal years for the repair, renovation, and improvement of facilities and equipment as authorized by the law.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Members, Prince George's County Council
Members, Prince George's County Senate Delegation
Members, Prince George's County House Delegation