

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2016-10**

**BILL NO. 2016-12**

**Title of Bill:** Amendment - Energy Conservation Standards

**Synopsis:** A Bill to amend Chapter 195, Energy Conservation Standards of the Cecil County Code in Sections 195-1 Adoption of Standards, and 195-4 Amendments, Additions and Deletions.

**Introduced by:** Council President on behalf of the County Executive

**Introduced, read first time and ordered posted on:** May 17, 2016

**Public hearing scheduled for:** June 21, 2016 at: 7:00 p.m.

**Consideration scheduled on:** July 5, 2016

By:   
Council Manager

**Public Hearing**

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill have been posted by May 17, 2016 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on June 8, 2016 and June 15, 2016, a public hearing was held on July 5, 2016, and concluded on July 5, 2016.

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**Explanation:** CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING DOCUMENT  
~~Strike through~~ indicates language deleted from existing document  
Underlining indicates language added to document by amendment.  
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language stricken from document by amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 402 of the Cecil County Charter (the "Charter"), the County  
2 Executive (the "Executive") shall see that the affairs of the executive branch are administered properly and  
3 efficiently, and that employees of the executive branch faithfully perform their duties; and

4           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 402 of the Charter, the duties and responsibilities of the Executive  
5 include, but are not limited to: (a) Supervising and directing offices, agencies and divisions of the executive  
6 branch and ensuring that County employees as well as County boards and commissions faithfully perform  
7 their duties; and, (b) preparing and submitting to the Council the annual County Budget; and

8           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 195 of the Cecil County Code, there is an Energy Conservation  
9 Standards Ordinance; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Director of the Cecil County Department of Permits and Inspections has  
11 recommended amendments, insertions, and deletions to Chapter 195 of the Cecil County Code, as more  
12 fully set forth herein; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted the amendments set forth herein to the County  
14 Council for consideration and approval.

15           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
16 **MARYLAND**, that Chapter 195 (Energy Conservation Standards Ordinance) of the Cecil County Code is  
17 amended as follows:

18 Chapter 195, § 195-1. Adoption of Standards.

- 19           A. A certain document, copies of which are on file in the Department of Permits and Inspections of  
20 Cecil County, being marked and designated as the "International Energy Conservation Code,  
21 [2012] 2015 Edition," as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted  
22 as the Energy Conservation Code of Cecil County, Maryland, for regulating and governing  
23 energy-efficient envelopes and installation of energy-efficient mechanical, lighting and power  
24 systems as therein provided, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees  
25 therefor; and each and all regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Energy  
26 Code on file in the Office of Permits and Inspections are hereby referred to, adopted and made a  
27 part hereof, as if fully set out in this chapter.

28 Chapter 195, § 195-4. Amendments, Additions and Deletions.

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29 The following sections of the [2012] 2015 International Energy Conservation Code are hereby  
30 revised and amended as follows:

31 A. SECTION C101.1 TITLE.

32 (1) "CECIL COUNTY" (NAME OF JURISDICTION).

33 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, LOCAL  
34 JURISDICTIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE MARYLAND  
35 BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

36 C. SECTION C101.2.1 – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING ENERGY CONSERVATION  
37 FOR BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE ENERGY CONSERVATION BUILDING  
38 STANDARDS, PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARTICLE SS7-401 – 7-408, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS  
39 AMENDED.

40 D. SECTION C202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

41 ADD: EQUIVALENT MODIFICATION

42 PER THE FLEXIBILITY INTENDED IN THE IECC, THE STATE OF MARYLAND SHALL RECOGNIZE ALTERNATIVES  
43 ACCEPTED BY THE COUNTY FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY FOR BUILDINGS THAT,  
44 WHEN INSTALLED, REDUCE ANNUAL ENERGY USAGE OR REDUCE THE ANNUAL COST OF ENERGY USAGE  
45 EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED WITHIN ANY PATHWAY IN THE CURRENT IECC EDITION  
46 OR CORRESPONDING RESIDENTIAL CODE EDITION. ALLOWABLE ENERGY NEUTRAL TRADE-OFFS SHALL  
47 INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, BUILDING AIR TIGHTNESS, BUILDING ENVELOPE AND FENESTRATION  
48 COMPONENTS, EQUIPMENT, DUCT TIGHTNESS, LIGHTING, APPLIANCES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
49 SYSTEMS.

50 E. SECTION 405 ELECTRICAL POWER AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS

51 C405.2.1 OCCUPANT SENSOR CONTROLS.

52 ADD: C405.2.1.3 – SPECIFIC APPLICATION CONTROLS.

53 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOTELS;

54 A) EACH HOTEL GUEST ROOM SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A MASTER  
55 CONTROL DEVICE THAT AUTOMATICALLY TURNS OFF THE POWER TO ALL LIGHTING FIXTURES IN THE  
56 GUEST ROOM NO MORE THAN 30 MINUTES AFTER THE ROOM HAS BEEN VACATED; AND

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57 B) A MASTER CONTROL DEVICE MAY ALSO CONTROL THE HEATING,  
58 VENTILATION, OR AIR CONDITIONING DEFAULT SETTINGS IN HOTEL GUEST ROOMS 30 MINUTES AFTER A  
59 ROOM HAS BEEN VACATED BY:

- 60 1) INCREASING THE SET TEMPERATURE BY AT LEAST 3 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT  
61 WHEN IN THE AIR CONDITIONING MODE; OR  
62 2) DECREASING THE SET TEMPERATURE BY 3 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT WHEN IN  
63 THE HEATING MODE.

64 **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it  
65 becomes law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

  
BY: Council Manager

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is hereby submitted to the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

James Massey  
Council Manager

Date: July 5, 2016

**ENROLLED**

[Signature]  
Council President

Date: July 5, 2016

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed – LSD 2016-13

Failed of Passage – LSD \_\_\_\_\_

BY: James Massey  
Council Manager

**SEALED WITH THE COUNTY SEAL AND PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE** for approval this

6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 20 16 at 3:00 am/pm.  
(within 10 business days from adoption §306)

BY: James Massey  
Council Manager

**BY THE EXECUTIVE:**

[Signature]  
Cecil County Executive

APPROVED Date: 7/6/16

VETOED Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(within 10 business days from presentation §306)

**BY THE COUNCIL**

This **Bill No. 2016-12** having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council becomes law on July 6, 2016 with an effective date of September 6, 2016

BY: James Massey  
Council Manager

