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AN ACT concerning

Code Enforcement and Penalties

For the purpose of making amendments to certain code enforcement provisions related to violations and increasing fines in the County.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 28. CIVIL MONETARY FINES.

Section 28-261,

The Prince George's County Code

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 28-261 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 28. CIVIL MONETARY FINES.

DIVISION 3. MISCELLANEOUS CIVIL VIOLATIONS.

SUBDIVISION 2. SPECIFIC CIVIL PENALTIES.

Sec. 28-261. Grading, pollution, drainage, floodplain, and erosion control violations.

(a) Any person who violates any provision of the County Code concerning grading, pollution, drainage, floodplain, and erosion control shall, upon citation issued pursuant to Subdivision 1, be deemed to have committed a civil violation and shall pay to the County a civil monetary fine in the amount prescribed by Subsection (b) of this Section.
(1) Each separate day of violation that remains uncorrected is a distinct civil violation subject to an additional citation and fine in the amount prescribed by Subsection (b) of this Section.

(2) The penalty provided in Sections 1-123, 4-116, or 4-117 of the County Code shall not apply to enforcement of the County Code provisions concerning grading, drainage, and erosion control as set forth in this Division.

(b) The civil monetary fine, excluding those arising from a violation of the Zoning Ordinance, for each civil violation of the County Code concerning grading, pollution, drainage, floodplain, and erosion control shall be [Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00)] One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00), except as provided in Subsection (c).

(c) For a repeated civil violation, at the same location, [within a thirty-six (36) month period], the following fine[s] shall apply:

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.
Adopted this 24th day of October, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: ________________________________
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

______________________________
Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: ________________________ BY: ________________________________
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

KEY:
Un underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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