

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-031-2025

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment

Date: 6/9/2025

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Harrison, Blegay, and Dernoga)

The Committee convened on June 9, 2025, to discuss CB-31-2025, which amends Subtitle 13 (Housing & Property Standards), Division 9 (Anti-litter & Weed Ordinance) of the Prince George's County Code, requiring the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) to properly dispose of the litter and/or weeds of a commercial owner or a commercial owner's responsible person, after the 4th noncompliance action in one year. DPIE would be required to perform disposal duties every 2 weeks or once per month, with the owner responsible for 100% of disposal costs and a 10% administrative fee. CB-31 also allows the costs incurred to double if not paid by the due date and increases the civil monetary fine for violations of the Anti-Litter & Weed Ordinance from up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for commercial owners or the commercial owner's responsible person.

On June 9th, the sponsor offered a proposed Draft 2, which:

- Removes the 10% administrative fee
- Removes provisions regarding the doubling of the disposal costs, and
- Removes the increase in civil monetary fines

The County Executive's staff indicated overall support for Draft 2 and requested the opportunity to confirm that DPIE's concerns have been addressed prior to introduction. The committee and sponsor accepted this request. The Office of Law submitted comments finding the bill to be in proper form.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CB-31-2025 as amended by a vote of 4-0.