

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2017 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-98-2017

Proposed by Council Member Toles

Introduced by Council Members Toles, Harrison, Franklin, Taveras,
Turner, Davis and Patterson

Date of Introduction November 14, 2017

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Refuse Collection

3 For the purpose of expressing the County Council’s support to encourage the County Executive
4 to revisit the matter of refuse collection and prepare a report to review the feasibility of one day a
5 week refuse collection.

6 WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 402, the County Executive’s powers, duties, and
7 responsibilities include, but shall not be limited to signing or causing to be signed on the
8 County’s behalf all contracts including contracts for goods and services; and

9 WHEREAS, pursuant to County Code Section 21-119.01, the Council made a statement of
10 policy and legislative findings that the regular, uninterrupted, and efficient removal of refuse
11 from residences within the County is necessary to prevent nuisances, contagious diseases and
12 vermin; the need to provide efficient, uninterrupted refuse collection service exists throughout
13 the County; and to ensure the continuity of efficient refuse collection services and thereby to
14 protect and promote the public safety, health, comfort and welfare; and

15 WHEREAS, pursuant to County Code Section 21-119.01, the Council determined it was
16 necessary 1) to provide for limitations on the number of residences which may be served by any
17 one contractor; 2) to provide for the bidding, award, and extension of contracts for the provision
18 of refuse collection services; and 3) to authorize the Purchasing Agent to extend or rebid refuse
19 collection contracts in appropriate circumstances; and

20 WHEREAS for many years the residents of Prince George’s County have become
21 accustomed to twice a week refuse collection; and

22 WHEREAS, the recent change to once a week refuse collection has created hardship which

1 includes environmental concerns for many of the County’s residents; and

2 WHEREAS, there has been no definitive study by the County of the merits of a once a
3 week refuse collection; and

4 WHEREAS, there is a need for the County to revisit twice a week refuse collection.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
6 County, Maryland, that the Council strongly encourages the County Executive to revisit the
7 matter of refuse collection and prepare a report that generates the following:

8 1) information about how once a week refuse collection has impacted the Solid Waste
9 Fund and its operation;

10 2) the number of calls and data from 311 on constituent complaints and concerns since the
11 inception of the once a week refuse collection;

12 3) any concerns or comments relating to the inability of County residents to get the
13 County issued toters; and

14 4) the fiscal impact and ramifications of returning to twice a week refuse collection.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall be submitted to the County Council on
16 or before February 1, 2018.

Adopted this 12th day of November , 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council