

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 11/17/2015  
**Reference No.:** CB-079-2015  
**Draft No.:** 2  
**Proposer(s):** Patterson  
**Sponsor(s):** Patterson, Turner, Lehman, Toles  
**Item Title:** An Ordinance concerning Illegal Signs for the purpose of extending a rebuttable presumption for the enforcement of illegal signs in a County right-of-way, and generally regarding illegal signs.

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**Drafter:** Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:** Ellis F. Watson, Chief of Staff Council District 8

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

**Date Presented:** 9/22/2015  
**Committee Referral:** 9/22/2015 - THE  
**Executive Action:**  
**Effective Date:** 1/4/2016

**Committee Action:** 10/15/2015 - FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 10/20/2015  
**Public Hearing:** 11/17/2015 - 10:00 AM

**Council Action (1)** 11/17/2015 - ENACTED  
**Council Votes:** DLD:A, MRF:A, DG:A, AH:A, ML:A, OP:A, DT:A, KT:A, TT:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Remarks:**

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

27-609

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee

**Date 10/15/2015**

October 15th, 2015

Committee Vote: Favorable with Amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Lehman, Turner, Taveras, Franklin and Glaros)

Staff provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-79-2015, concerns Illegal Signs for the purpose of extending a rebuttable presumption for the enforcement of illegal signs in a County right-of-way, and generally regarding illegal signs.

Susan Hubbard, Prince Georges County, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement and Jerry Pasternak, Vice President of Maryland PEPCO Region, provided additional information and answered questions in Committee.

October 1st , 2015

Staff provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. Susan Hubbard, Prince Georges County, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement and Martin Harris, Prince Georges County, Department of Public Works and Transportation, provided additional information and answered questions in committee.

The Office of Law determined that CB-79-2015 was in proper legislative form and without legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there may be a positive fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CB-79-2015. However, an accurate approximation of the fiscal impact on the County cannot be determined at this time.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This bill amends current law regarding illegal signs by providing for a rebuttable presumption for the enforcement of illegal signs in a County right-of-way. This means that unless rebutted by competent evidence, any such sign or poster illegally placed in the County right-of-way shall be presumed to be owned by and attached by the person whose business name, business address, business telephone, or trademark is contained on the face of the sign or poster.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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