Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 10/28/2008 **Reference No.:** CR-083-2008

Draft No.: 2

Proposer(s): Harrison

Sponsor(s): Harrison, Olson, Exum, Bland, Dean, Turner, Knotts

Item Title: A Resolution expressing the Prince George's County Council support for the reduced use of

non-biodegradable plastic shopping bags by retailers and grocery stores by encouraging recycling and the availability and use of re-usable bags by the businesses and citizens of

Prince George's County.

Drafter: Todd M. Turner, Legislative Officer **Resource Personnel:** Rodney C Streeter, Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:Executive Action:Committee Referral:9/23/2008 - THEEffective Date:

Committee Action: 10/9/2008 - HELD

10/23/2008 - FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 9/23/2008

Public Hearing:

Council Action (1) 10/28/2008 - ADOPTED

Council Votes: MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

Date 10/23/2008

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Olson, Bland, Harrison and Exum)

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the resolution and referral comments that were received. CR-83-2008 expresses the Prince George's County Council's support for the reduced use of non-biodegradable plastic shopping bags by retailers and grocery stores and encourages the availability and use of alternative reusable bags by businesses and citizens of Prince George's County.

The Office of Law determined that CR-83-2008 was in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated that there will likely be a slight decrease in marginal costs and there will be no adverse fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-83-2008.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

A Resolution expressing the Prince George's County Council support for the reduced use of non-biodegradable plastic shopping bags by retailers and grocery stores and to encourage the availability and use of re-usable bags by the businesses and citizens of Prince George's County. The resolution would also encourage the County undertakes a public education campaign to encourage retailers to offer and citizens to use re-usable bags.

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