

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-8-2017

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Committee: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date: 3/1/2017

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

March 1st, 2017

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

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-08-2017 provides recycling at certain special events, providing for more stringent recycling requirements and civil penalties; providing for reporting requirements and compliance with a certain recycling plan. It also provides for collection, disposition and inspections; this bill generally refers to recycling.

The amendments are as follows:

1. On page 1, after line 5, insert “recyclables; and providing for the imposition of”.
2. On page 2, after line 2, insert: “Applicants requesting to use a public facility are required to indicate the name and address of the responsible party or responsible parties for the special event, and other information as deemed necessary by the Department of the Environment.”
3. On page 2, in line 10, after “collected” insert “and disposed of”.
4. On page 2, after line 23, insert “(f) At the discretion of the Director of the Department of the Environment, inspectors may issue warnings for a first time offense.” On page 2, in line 24, strike “(f)” and substitute “(g)”. On page 3, strike lines 3 and 4.
5. On page 2, line 4, strike “organizer” and substitute “applicant” On page 2, in line 11, strike “organizer” and substitute “applicant”. On page 3, in line 1, strike “organizers” and substitute “applicants”.

6. On page 3, in line 5, strike “4.” and substitute “3.” On page 3, in line 13, strike “5.” and substitute “4.”

A representative with the Prince Georges Sierra Club Group testified in support of this bill.

Joseph Gill and Marilyn Rybak with the Department of the Environment for Prince Georges County answered questions and provided testimony on CB-08-2017.

The Office of Law determined that CB-08-2017 was in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigation submitted a fiscal impact statement that indicated that there may be a positive fiscal impact on the County; however that amount could not be quantified at this point as it would depend on civil fines that will be assessed and collected.