

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-094-2022

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committee

Date: 9/22/2022

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Streeter, Turner, Dernoga, Glaros and Taveras).

The Committee convened on September 22, 2022, to discuss this legislation which would create new Revenue Authority (the Authority) administrative guidelines for parking operations including new fees for the Residential Parking Program (RPP) and administrative and civil parking penalties for violations from illegally parking commercial buses, trailers, and trucks to restricting all commercial vehicles, and impoundment without notice. The bill highlights updates to six parking related sections of the Code under 26-123, 26-127 and particularly in section 28-110. This bill is a contrast to CB-066-2022 recently reviewed in TIEE committee on Monday, September 12, 2022.

As proposed, CB-94:

- **Establishes new penalties for parking violations** with commercial vehicles. Citations for light commercial vehicles defined in section 26-141.01 under 10,000 pounds may be fined \$500 for parking in restricted areas.
- Citations for heavy commercial trucks over 10,000 pounds may be fined \$1,500 for the first violation and \$3,000 for any subsequent violations
- **restricts habitation in parked cars** in the right of way
- violators may be towed or impounded if parked in the right of way between 6:00pm and 6:00am outside of a municipality
- **adds new language for the organization of residential parking areas.** Owners would have 72 hours to identify a person for the household who will serve as the primary representative for voting to accept or decline the residential parking program.
- **changes termination of a parking** by vote of 51% of residents rather than 60%.
- residential parking permit areas may be terminated no less than 12 months after its designation
- a vehicle may be immobilized and impounded without prior notice
- **adds significant change in policy regarding residential parking permit fees** including, owners, visitors and handicap residents adding significant revenue for the program.
- the number of permits will remain at three owner and one visitor permit per household

- expands the residential parking permit program to extend to **¼ mile surrounding any Metro Station in the County.**
- restricts parking for commercial vehicles near homes less than 75 feet or 25 yards from the closest property line.

During the Committee discussion on 9/22, the following amendments were approved:

Fines for Heavy Commercial Trucks reduced to \$500 (1st offense), \$750 (2nd offense) and \$1,000 (subsequent offenses)

The “72- hour” time frame (to identify the voting representative for each household to accept or decline the Residential Parking Program) was changed to “three (3) business days”

References to Light Commercial Vehicles (weighing less than 10,000 pounds) are removed so that the proposed fines and restrictions only apply to commercial buses, commercial trailers, and heavy commercial trucks

The language establishing Residential Parking Permit Areas within a ¼ mile radius surrounding all Metro Stations was removed

The fees for parking permits were revised as follows:

Residential (3 permits max per household) - First permit - free, second permit - Fifty Dollars (\$50), third permit - One-Hundred Dollars (\$100)

Visitor – Free

Metro Stations - \$20

Handicap Placard - Free

Exempt Commercial Vehicle - \$50

Section 3 was added, requiring “that the Authority shall undertake a study of the definition of commercial vehicle and the county-wide impact of commercial vehicles in County Residential Parking Permit Areas and Residential Parking Permit Areas by petition. Authority recommendations shall accompany the study which shall be submitted to the County Council eighteen months following the effective date of this Act.”

After discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CB-94-2022 as amended by a vote of 5-0.