



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Office of Audits and Investigations

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### MEMORANDUM

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Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement  
CB-064-2021 Solid Waste Stream Analysis

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**CB-064-2021** (*proposed and presented by:* Council Chair Hawkins at the request of the County Executive)

Assigned to Committee of the Whole (COW)

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AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE STREAM ANALYSIS for the purposes of amending provisions of the County Code relating to required 'waste stream analysis', and amending the frequency from once every two (2) years to once every three (3) years, and coincide with timing of the Ten-Year Solid Waste Plan.

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### Fiscal Summary

#### Direct Impact:

*Expenditures:* None likely.

*Revenues:* None.

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**Indirect Impact:**

Positive.

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**Legislative Summary:**

CB-064-2021, proposed by the Chair at the request of the County Executive, was presented on September 14, 2021 and referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW). The Bill's purpose is to amend the frequency of the waste stream analysis from once every two (2) years to once every three (3) years, coinciding with timing of the Ten-Year Solid Waste Plan.

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**Current Law/Background:**

The Ten-Year Solid Waste (Plan) is an ongoing production that is completed and submitted once every three years. The Plan incorporates many variable factors associated with the County's management of waste, to include waste origins, types, volumes, and regulatory requirements. Considerable data included within the Plan is gleaned from the Waste Stream Analysis report (WSA). The WSA is a four-season effort, occurring within the disposal fill area, and results in a comparative review of metrics that provide comprehensive data points within the Plan.

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**Resource Personnel:**

Karen Gooden, Department of the Environment

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**Discussion/Policy Analysis:**

The proposed legislation provides for better coordination and streamlining of the Waste Stream Analysis report with the Ten-Year Solid Waste Plan, a document required by the State of Maryland that covers at least the succeeding 10-year period for solid waste planning within the County.

The Waste Stream analysis report describes the method of waste separation, results of the analysis by residential, commercial, and public-school material analysis, and estimated tonnage of each category. The current two-year cycle of the WSA results in a continuous effort (one year for gathering data and three months for finalizing the report). By matching the frequency and timing of the Plan and the WSA, the resulting reports will feature fresh data while saving the nearly continuous cycle of a two-year WSA. Each WSA costs the County approximately \$80,000, thus resulting in savings and an effort as well to best utilize resources.

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**Fiscal Impact:**

- *Direct Impact*

As noted earlier, the proposed legislation will have a positive fiscal impact on the County; with each WSA costing about \$80,000, passing of the legislation will save the County approximately \$160,000 every ten years, or about \$16,000 annually.

- *Indirect Impact*

Enactment of CB-064-2021 will likely have a positive indirect impact by better utilizing financial and personnel resources within the Department of the Environment.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

No.

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**Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:**

This Bill goes into effect forty-five (45) days after the date of its enactment.

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If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach me via phone or email.