

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2016 Legislative Session

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**Committee:** HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Date:** 5/10/2016

**Action:** FAV

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Toles, Taveras, Davis and Glaros. Absent: Franklin).

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee met on May 10, 2016 to consider CR-26-2016. The resolution authorizes the creation of a Food Truck Hub at Pocket Park, located at 7413 Baltimore Avenue in the City of College Park.

The Legislative Officer provided an overview of the resolution; explaining that Pocket Park does not meet the Food Truck Hub location criteria. Therefore, it requires approval via County Council resolution to create a Food Truck Hub location that is outside of the locations authorized in Section 5-189.01 of the County Code. Pocket Park is not under operation or control of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, nor is the area located within a quarter mile radius of the station entrance of any Metro or MARC station.

Pocket Park must still satisfy the requirements for the Food Truck Hub License and remain subject to approval by the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE). Authorization by the Council is subject to Pocket Park satisfying these requirements.

The sponsor of the resolution indicated that last year she along with Council Members Toles, and Lehman sponsored legislation establishing Food Truck Hubs. The sponsor further stated that CR-26-2016 is an enabling resolution that provides Pocket Park the ability to establish a Food Truck Hub. In addition to the County

Council resolution; Pocket Park will also require a resolution from the municipality of College Park. The sponsor provided additional information on the Pocket Park location; indicating that it is where the old "Little Tavern" was located in College Park.

Susan Hubbard, Public Information Officer, DPIE, participated in the work session in support of CR-26-2016. The resolution had been reviewed by DPIE and the County Executive Office, since it represents the framework for future resolutions.

A Council Member asked Ms. Hubbard the status of vendors operating illegally. Ms.

Hubbard indicated DPIE's hours for inspections and explained that in the future they will be working with the Revenue Authority for Saturday, Sunday and Holiday inspections.

The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that CR-26-2016 may have positive fiscal impact in the amount of the collected Food Truck Hub application fee, and may also realize positive impact from any collected fines realized as a result of violations of the Food Truck Hub provisions.