

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 1, 2023

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga Prince George's County Council Wayne K. Curry Administration Building Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Council Chair Dernoga:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Bill for the purpose of amending Subtitle 20 of the County Code pertaining to policies governing the operation of taxicabs within the Prince George's County and the removal of regulations related to limousines by Prince George's County.

The Bill establishes the following:

- removal of all references to the County's regulation of limousines because the Maryland Public Service Commission oversees the regulation of limousines;
- alters the selection process for the Chair of the Taxicab Board;
- adds the requirement of proof of good standing with State to the County's annual renewal process;
- limits the ceiling of the dollar amount of fines that may be imposed due to a taxicab driver operating without a valid taxicab license or with a suspended taxicab license:
- authorizes the revocation of a taxicab license for a minimum of one year after 60 days of operating without a renewed taxicab license; and
- updates Subtitle 20 to reflect that the Department of Public Works and Transportation, not the Department of Environment, is the authorizing County agency over taxicabs.

This bill's provisions are designed to codify updated processes and practices relating the regulation of taxicabs and limousines with Prince George's County. Ensuring the County Code accurately reflects current policies is paramount as Prince George's County seeks to ensure greater protection of rapidly changing taxicab industry. Consequently, these measures will improve the quality of taxicab service for our citizens, residents and visitors to Prince George's County.

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The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact, Michael D. Johnson, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation, at (301) 883-5600.

Sincerely,

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