

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-029-2021

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: 6/03/2021

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT: Favorable as amended, 8-0: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Glaros, Ivey, Taveras and Turner. Absent: Franklin, Harrison and Streeter.

The Prince George's County Council met as the Committee of the Whole on April 6, 2021, and June 3, 2021, to consider CB-029-2021, an Act Concerning Mobile Units and Food Safety. This bill amends the definition of Depot to include registration, annual inspections, annual reporting, and vehicle identification requirements. Regulations relative to health and food service facilities in Subtitle 12-104 would be revised. The facility would be registered, permitted, and inspected annually by the appropriate agency. Only licensed vendors will be allowed to operate at a Depot, and the food service facility is required to provide an annual report of all mobile vendors utilizing its Depot.

The sponsor, Council Member Glaros, offered that this new legislation represents a new approach by putting more of the responsibility on the Depot.

Councilman Dernoga inquired about the availability of a brochure with the rules available on a webpage. Council Member Glaros agrees it will be a valuable tool to continue to educate about the mobile units and the rules. The bill will be amended to include language requiring a mechanism to inform the public about the Mobile Units.

Ms. Terry Bell, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive, noted that she had worked with the Sponsor and the Health Department, and DPIE on potential amendments.

The Policy Analysis and Fiscal Note states that the enactment of CB-029-2021 would not impact the budget. Any additional administrative costs associated should be able to be absorbed by the applicable agency.

The Office of Law finds CB-029-2021 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted CB-029-2021 out favorable as amended, 8-0.