

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2018 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-55-2018

Draft No.: 2

Committee: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

Date: SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

Action: FAVORABLE (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable with Amendments, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members, Turner, Lehman, Franklin and Taveras).

CB-55-2018 seeks to increase fines related to the unlawful selling of goods in the public right-of-way and to unlawful sales to minors, within the County.

The Legislative Officer provided an overview of the Bill and the proposed amendments shown in CB-55-2018 Draft 2.

The sponsor indicated the need for the legislation citing concerns in her District and expressing concern for the safety and welfare of the citizens.

The County Executive representative indicated support and the Office of Law representative express concern with the interpretation of fees not exceeding the \$1,000 cap.

The Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE) representative indicated agency's support; questioning fees as it related to Food Truck Hubs. The representative indicated that the fee for the Food Truck Hub violators was \$2500 dollars and would that conflict with the fines described in the Bill. The Legislative Officer indicated that reference was made to the Food Truck Hub on page 2, lines 20 and 21 which should satisfy his concerns.

The Office of Audits and Investigations indicates that there may be a positive fiscal impact for the County related to the increase in amounts that may be assessed as collected from violators of Code Sections 5-193.01, 5-193.02 and 5-193.04. As a result, this may contribute to the enhanced appearance of the County, and the safety of County residents.

Ms. Robin Allen (resident of Lewisdale), Reeda L. Butler (resident of Greater Chillum area) and Nancy Leon (Northern Gateway) spoke in support of CB-55-2018 expressing health and safety concerns.