



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Office of Audits and Investigations

September 28, 2016

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.  
Council Administrator

William M. Hunt  
Deputy Council Administrator

THRU: David H. Van Dyke *DHV*  
County Auditor

FROM: Inez N. Claggett *INIC*  
Senior Legislative Auditor

RE: Fiscal Impact Statement  
CB-64-2016 Eviction

Pursuant to your request, we have reviewed CB-064-2016 to estimate its fiscal impact on Prince George's County, Maryland.

CB-064-2016 seeks to address public health concerns related to the accumulation of garbage, litter, and/or rubbish following an eviction.

The proposed Bill extends the time a tenant may salvage their property removed from leased premises, after a warrant of restitution is executed, from four (4) to twenty-four (24) hours. The Bill also adds provisions to the Prince George's County Code requiring the Office of the Sheriff to notify the enforcing agencies of the County of an eviction. Under the Bill, the accumulation of garbage, litter, rubbish, and trash within buildings or on a premise after an eviction has occurred, is unlawful. Landlords are permitted forty-eight (48) hours, after the twenty-four (24) hours provided to the evicted tenant to accumulate and transport their belongings, to remove any and all garbage, litter, rubbish, and/or trash, at the expense of the property owner. Violators will be fined One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per eviction for noncompliance.

Municipalities who provide trash collection services within their jurisdictions will be exempt from these provisions, if enacted.

Enactment of CB-064-2016 shall have a positive fiscal impact to the County in the amount of any fines collected as a result of violation.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.

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