

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-073-2021

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: 9/28/2021

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 9-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Taveras, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey and Turner)

The Committee convened on September 28, 2021 to discuss this legislation. CB-73-2021 pertains to Prince George's County speed monitoring systems in residential districts. State law was enacted during the 2021 Session of the Maryland General Assembly which expanded the eligible locations for placement of speed cameras to residential roads.

CB-73-2021 provides that prior to the installation of the first residential district speed monitoring system, the County Council shall hold at least one public hearing. The representation of the Citizen Advisory Committee is amended as follows: two (2) representatives from each of the At-Large Council Members; three (3) members representing the County Executive; and two (2) members representing each of the nine (9) Council Districts. Further, for the first thirty-days after the first residential district speed monitoring system is placed in the County pursuant to CB-73-2021, a violation may be enforced only by the issuance of a warning.

Committee of the Whole amendments to CB-73-2021 are as follows:

Council Member Glaros – Clarifying Amendment – Speed monitoring systems apply to speeds up to and including 35 miles per hour

On page 3, in line 7, after the second “of” insert “up to and including”.

Council Member Turner - Technical Amendment

On page 3, in line 10, strike “regional” and substitute “residential”.

Floyd Holt, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Government Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment and Martin Harris, Acting Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation spoke in favor of the bill. Terry Bell, the County Executive's Liaison to the County Council, indicated that the County Executive supports the legislation.

Regarding the definition of highway, Council Member Dernoga indicated that for purposes of the speed monitoring system law, the State definition of highway includes secondary and collector roads.

Council Member Turner stressed the need for community notification and posting.

Council Member Davis and Council Member Glaros requested that the Department of Public Works and Transportation provide maps and a listing of eligible streets.

After the discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted unanimously in favor of CB-73-2021 as amended.