

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**2016 Legislative Session**

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**Reference No.:** CB-054-2016  
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**Committee:** PSFM  
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**Action:** FAV

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**REPORT: 1**

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In Favor: Council Members Harrison, Lehman, and Turner)

CB-54-2016, as proposed, will amend the Prince George's Fire Safety Code to amend regulations governing open burning, including recreational fires and portable outdoor fire places. The proposed legislation defines the type of fuels that may be used in cooking fires and exempts smoke from fuel cooked fires, as permitted by State and local law, from exceeding the twenty percent (20%) opacity requirement as defined currently in Section 11-268(f).

During the Committee meeting James V. Reilly, Acting Assistant Fire Chief, Office of the Fire Marshal, Fire/EMS, gave the Committee an overview of the Legislation and its effects on the County. He went on to answer questions and point out language which is being deleted because of COMAR.

The Committee asked questions about the educational program that the Fire Department has drafted which will inform citizens of these changes in the law.

The Office of Law reports CB-54-2016 to be in proper legal form with no impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reports that CB-54-2016 will have no fiscal impact on the County.

After discussion the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee voted CB-54-2016 out favorably 3-0.