

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 7/26/95

Reference No.: CB-50-1995

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Wilson, Del Giudice, and MacKinnon

Item Title: Emergency Act to remove the limitation on the number of refuse collection contracts which can be competitively bid during a fiscal year; and to increase the percentage of residences for which one company may supply refuse collection service

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	6/6/95	Executive Action:	7/26/95 S
Committee Referral: (1)	6/6/95 THE	Effective Date:	7/26/95
Committee Action: (1)	6/29/95 FAV		
Date Introduced:	7/5/95		
Pub. Hearing Date: (1)	7/26/95 2:15 PM		

Council Action: (1) 7/26/95 Enacted
Council Votes: AMc: A, DB: A, SD: A, JE: A, IG: N, WM: A, RVR: A, AS: A, MW: A
Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 6/29/95

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Del Giudice, Estepp, Scott and Wilson)

Current County law permits no more than 20% of refuse collection contracts to be bid in any fiscal year. CB-50-1995 proposes to remove this limitation, allowing the County to rebid all contracts necessary to bring all unincorporated areas of the County under County contract. Additionally, CB-50-1995 proposes to increase the maximum percentage of County contracts that can be awarded to

one vendor from 20% to 25%. This proposal will prevent the situation where vendors with current County contracts would be unable to bid on additional contracts as the County service area is enlarged.

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce submitted written opposition to the legislation, expressing concern regarding the potentially adverse impact on the smaller refuse collection companies. Sam Wynkoop, Director of the Department of Environmental Resources, indicated that the Executive's intent is for all vendors to retain their existing contracts in the private areas and in the areas currently under County contract. In instances where an agreement cannot be reached with the existing vendor, it will be necessary to rebid the contract. Currently, there is only one contractor which has more than 20% of County contracts. The contractor (BFI) was "grandfathered" in when the 20% limitation was implemented. DER staff indicated that the smaller companies currently hold 61% of all County refuse collection contracts and that every effort would be made to retain the existing contractors.

The Department of Environmental Resources and Office of Central Services as well as the office of Management and Budget submitted written comments in support of the legislation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This legislation would allow for an unlimited number of refuse collection contracts to be competitively bid during a fiscal year and would allow for one company to supply refuse collection service to up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the residences.

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