

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

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Committee: Health, Human Services and Public Safety

Date: 9/18/2019

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Hawkins, Ivy, Harrison and Taveras)

The Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee met on September 18, 2019, to consider CR-66-2019. This resolution proposes the reduction of the fee for the Mobile Unit Food Service Facility found in the table of fees to stimulate economic development, increase healthy food options and eliminate underserved areas of the County while promoting entrepreneurship.

The Table of Fees Section 2-253.63 would be reduced from \$640 to \$300 and a technology charge would be eliminated.

CM Taveras expressed concern about eliminating the fee. CM Ivey provided a chart that shows that Prince George's County will be more competitive with neighboring jurisdictions and that currently our fees are higher than some other jurisdictions.

The Health Department provided written comments relative to the current fees and impact of the proposed reduction in fees. The Health Department has no objections to passing this legislation. The Office of Law found the legislation to be in proper form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

DPIE Director Melinda Boling expressed support for CR-66-2019.

The Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement indicates that adoption of CR-66-2019, will have a negative fiscal impact in reduction of fees. It may also have a positive indirect impact on the County by incentivizing Food Truck vendors operating in other jurisdictions to obtain a license to operate with the County.