



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 4/8/2025

Effective Date:

Reference No.: CB-002-2025

Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 3

Public Hearing Date: 04/08/2025 @ 1:30 PM

Proposer(s): Olson

Sponsor(s): Olson, Watson, Harrison, Ivey, Burroughs, Fisher, Oriadha, Dernoga, Hawkins and Blegay

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING WATERCRAFT PARKED ON COUNTY ROADS for the purpose of prohibiting the parking of watercraft on public streets, roads, highways, and rights of way within the County; to establish fines and penalties for parking a personally-owned watercraft on public streets, roads, highways, and rights of way in the County; to permit the towing and impounding of any personally-owned watercraft after a certain number of violations; and generally relating to the prohibition of parking a personally-owned watercraft on public streets, roads, highways, and rights-of-way in Prince George's County.

Drafter: Joel R. Peebles, Jr., Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Julio Murillo, Chief of Staff, Council District 3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
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01/21/2025	County Council	presented and referred	COW
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Action Text:

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Olson and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

02/04/2025	COW	Held in Committee	
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Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent: 2 Harrison and Hawkins

02/11/2025	COW	amended (1)	
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Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Burroughs, Harrison, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent: 2 Ivey and Blegay

02/11/2025 COW Favorably recommended with amendments

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Burroughs, Harrison, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent: 2 Ivey and Blegay

03/18/2025 County Council amended (1)

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

03/18/2025 County Council introduced

Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Watson, Harrison, Ivey, Burroughs, Fisher, Oriadha, Dernoga, Hawkins and Blegay.

04/08/2025 County Council hearing held

Action Text:

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

04/08/2025 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

26-101

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The County Council has received reports that boats have been parked and sometimes abandoned on public County streets, roads, highways, and rights-of-way due to the lack of prohibition in the County Code. Boats, particularly those parked on trailers, are larger and taller than typical vehicles. These

watercraft create potential hazards by obstructing traffic or by obstructing traffic site lines. This bill will aim to prohibit watercraft from being parked on public streets, roads, highways, and rights of way by issuing a fine to the owner for every twenty four (24) hours the boat remains in violation.

This bill will also permit the tow and impoundment of watercraft that either failed to be moved forty eight (48) hours after the first violation is issued, or the immediate tow and impoundment of the watercraft if the craft is deemed to be obstructive to traffic or traffic site lines. The County Police Department and the Revenue Authority will oversee the distribution of fines, tow, and impoundment of all vehicles that violate this section.

Document(s): B2025002, CB-002-2025 Report, CB-002-2025 PAFI, CB-002-2025 OOL
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