

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

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Committee: TIEE

Date: 5/28/2026

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Olson, and Harrison)

The Committee convened on May 28, 2026, to discuss CB-32-2026, which Amends Subtitle 13 (Housing & Property Standards), Division 7 (Property Standards & Maintenance), to increase civil monetary fines for property standards and property maintenance violations on non-residential properties.

The Code describes violations as physical conditions that:

- Can be regarded as a public nuisance
- Encourage trespassing
- Have unsanitary sewerage or plumbing facilities
- Constitute an unsafe condition or structure
- Include the disconnection, destruction, or removal of facilities required by codes or regulations
- Are unclean, unsanitary, littered with rubbish or garbage, or have uncontrolled growth of weeds

Currently, the county code has one fine structure for property standards violations (\$1,000 per violation for the responsible person), residential or non-residential. CB-32 maintains the existing fine structure for residential property owners, and establishes a new fine structure for non-residential property owners at \$2,000 for the first violation, and \$5,000 for the second and subsequent violations.

The Policy Analysis & Fiscal Impact statement (PAFI) discusses the potentially favorable fiscal impact from increased fine revenues, and an indirect impact on the County by providing a safer and cleaner environment for Prince George's County residents. The County Executive's Office has no position, and the Office of Law finds the legislation in proper form.

After the discussion, the Committee voted in favor of CB-32-2026 by a vote of 3-0.