

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-045-2026

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Committee: COW

Date: 6/2/2026

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 6-0 (In favor: Council Members Oriadha, Olson, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, and Ivey)

The Committee of the Whole convened on May 26th, and again on June 2, 2026, to discuss CB-45-2026, which amends Subtitle 28 (Civil Monetary Fines or Penalties), Division 3 (Miscellaneous Civil Violations), by adding a new Subdivision 3 establishing the Beautification Enforcement Incentive Program. CB-45 requires the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE) to prescribe and publish (on the Department website) a method for submitting civilian complaints of violations of the County's beautification laws with supporting photographic evidence.

Photographic evidence is described as: a photograph, electronic image, video, videotape, or other medium determined by the Director. The Director may prescribe additional specifications to qualify as potential evidence in sustaining civil violations for specified sections of the County code. County residents (who are not county employees) who submit photographic evidence per the bill's provisions, resulting in the issuance and collection of civil monetary fines, will be entitled to 50% of the fine collected for the violation.

The County Office of Finance is required to remit payment to the resident, provided that the DPIE Director provides a written determination that the resident's evidence was a substantially contributing factor in determining the violation. The 50% amount is equally divided if more than one county resident submits qualifying photographic evidence. The DPIE Director is authorized to establish additional regulations, practices, and procedures to implement CB-45's provisions.

The Committee held the bill on May 26th at the County Executive's request for the consideration of amendments. On June 2nd, the County Executive's Office proposed amendments to substitute the Office of Homeland Security for DPIE, and to change the bill's effective date to six months after it becomes law. The Committee accepted these amendments.

After the discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted in favor of CB-45-2026 as amended by a vote of 6-0.