



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/18/2025

Effective Date: 2/2/2026

Reference No.: CB-097-2025

Chapter Number: 73

Draft No.: 3

Public Hearing Date: 11/18/2025 @ 10:00 AM

Proposer(s): Burroughs, Hawkins and Harrison

Sponsor(s): Burroughs, Hawkins, Harrison and Watson

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL CONTROL for the purpose of revising and adding certain definitions; increasing certain civil penalties; expanding the leash law; expanding the type of dangerous animals; providing for a certain provocation; requiring a certain special permit and fee; providing for a certain licensing fee; providing for a certain licensing penalty; lifting a certain ban; providing for a certain grandfather provision; providing for certain pet parenting or animal handling courses; providing for a pilot program to foster and adopt a certain specific dog breed under specific circumstances; providing for certain timeframes for permits and agreements and registration; providing for certain fines; providing for certain facilities to refer a certain specific dog breed to serve in a certain pilot program to be service animals; providing for certain spaying and neutering of a certain dog breed; providing for a certain re-lettering; and generally regarding animal control in the County.

Drafter: Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney

Resource Personnel: Preston J. Ross, Chief of Staff, District 8

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
10/07/2025	County Council	presented and referred	TIEE
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Chair Burroughs and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.		
10/07/2025	County Council	rules suspended	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that the rules be suspended for this Council Bill. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 11 Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford		
10/14/2025	TIEE	amended (1)	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Council Bill be amended (1). The motion carried by the following vote:		

Aye: 3 Olson, Harrison and Fisher

10/14/2025	TIEE	Reported out with no recommendation with amendments	County Council
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Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Council Bill be Reported out with no recommendation with amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 Olson, Harrison and Fisher

10/21/2025	County Council	amended (1)
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Action Text:

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

Aye: 10 Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Watson,
Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

10/21/2025	County Council	introduced
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Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Hawkins, Harrison and Watson.

11/18/2025	County Council	public hearing held
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Action Text:

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

11/18/2025	County Council	enacted
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Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Watson and Burroughs

Absent: 4 Olson, Ivey, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

12/18/2025	County Executive	Unsigned
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Action Text:

The County Executive having failed to return this bill with either her approval or veto within ten (10) days after the date of its presentation to her, this bill became law on December 18, 2025.

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

03-185.01 03-136 03-135 03-116 03-101

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill lifts the County's Pit Bull Terrier ban and provides for a pilot program to foster and adopt Pit Bull Terriers in the County. It also revises certain definitions, increases certain civil penalties, expands

the leash law, and expands the type of dangerous animals with requirements found in the County Code.

Document(s): CB-097-2025 - signed, B2025097, CB-097-2025 Report, CB-097-2025 PAFI, CB-097-2025 OOL Comment, CB-097-2025 OMB Comments