



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/19/2024

Effective Date: 2/4/2025

Reference No.: CB-082-2024

Chapter Number: 82

Draft No.: 2

Public Hearing Date: 11/19/2024 @ 10:00 AM

Proposer(s): Oriadha

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

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY STANDARDS for the purpose of prohibiting framing lights in commercial storefronts to reduce the harmful effects of light pollution on Prince George’s County residents and neighborhoods; and providing for certain fines for non-compliance.

Drafter: Eric Irving, Fiscal & Legislative Specialist

Resource Personnel:

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/17/2024	County Council	presented and referred	COW
Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Oriadha and referred to the Committee of the Whole.			
10/01/2024	COW	Held in Committee	
Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Council Bill be held. The motion carried by the following vote:			
Aye: 9 Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson			
Absent: 1 Hawkins			
10/15/2024	COW	rescheduled to a later date	
Action Text: This Council Bill was rescheduled to a later date			
10/22/2024	COW	amended	
Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:			
Aye: 9 Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson			

Absent: 1 Hawkins

10/22/2024 COW Favorably recommended with amendments

Action Text:

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

Aye: 9 Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent: 1 Hawkins

10/22/2024 County Council introduced

Action Text:

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

11/19/2024 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

11/19/2024 County Council enacted

Action Text:

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

Aye: 9 Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent: 1 Fisher

12/20/2024 County Executive Unsigned

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 20, 2024.

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit LED string lights in commercial storefronts, which have become ubiquitous to certain areas of Prince George’s County. These lights, especially those which shine throughout the night, disturb the quiet enjoyment of neighboring residential areas. As a violation of property standards, the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement will be authorized to serve notice and fine property owners who fail to remove these LED string lights.

Document(s): B2024082, CB-082-2024 Report, CB-082-2024 PAFI