

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2016 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-61-2016
Draft No.: 1
Committee: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Date: September 29, 2016
Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

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Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Lehman, Turner, Davis, Patterson and Taveras)

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-61-2016 (Draft 2) concerns illegal signs for the purpose of prohibiting certain signs and providing for certain violations.

The amendments are as follows:

On page 1, in line 3, strike “increasing the penalties” and substitute “referencing certain prescribed penalties; prohibiting certain signs; providing for certain locations of certain signs; providing for certain violations;”.

On page 1, in line 12, strike “27-265”.

On page 2, in line 11, after “pinwheels,” insert “feather flags”.

On page 3, in line 21, after the second “a” strike “criminal”; and in line 22, strike “up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)”.

On page 4, in line 28, after “structure” insert “posts, signs, or telephone/electrical boxes”.

On page 5, in line 7, after “days” add a period; and strike “(or a different time period if so stated in the order)”.

Susan Hubbard with the Prince Georges County Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement provided additional information and spoke in support of this legislation.

The Office of Law determined that CB-61-2016, Draft 2 was in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The Office of Law recommended amending the purpose paragraph.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there may be a positive fiscal impact on the County related to an increase in collections received from fines and penalties imposed on owners, or users of signs as a result of enactment CB-61-2016. However, the increase in criminal fines was eliminated in CB-61-2016 (Draft 2).