

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2019 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-040-2019

Draft No.: 2

Committee: TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date: 10/10/2019

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 3-0 (In Favor: Council Members Turner, Dernoga and Glaros)

The TIEE Committee convened on October 10, 2019 to review CB-40-2019, which proposes the establishment of standards for the removal time for downed wires on both an emergency and non-emergency basis. It authorizes the imposition of fines where applicable.

Kathleen Canning, Legislative Officer, provided a summary of Draft 2 of the legislation which:

Maintains the requirement for removal of utility wires on an emergency basis within a twenty-four-hour period of notification (except for electric companies, as set forth in the Downed Wire Response Standard in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR));

Maintains the 30-day requirement for removal of downed wires on a non-emergency basis, and requires the County to establish a process to notify all utility companies when a complaint is made, and;

Clarifies the authority of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement to define emergency situations, issue civil fines, stop work and take other remedial actions as needed.

After the review and discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CB-40-2019 as amended by a vote of 3-0.