

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 11/20/2012  
**Reference No.:** CB-041-2012  
**Draft No.:** 3  
**Proposer(s):** Lehman  
**Sponsor(s):** Lehman  
**Item Title:** An Act concerning Animal Control – Ear Tipped Cats for the purpose of defining an ear tipped cat; imposing conditions on the trapping and release of ear tipped cats; providing for a review provision; and generally relating to ear tipped cats.

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**Drafter:** Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:** Matt Dernoga, District 1 Policy Analyst

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>	6/5/2012	<b>Executive Action:</b>	12/14/2012 US
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	6/5/2012 - THE	<b>Effective Date:</b>	1/29/2013

**Committee Action:** 7/24/2012 - FAV(A)  
10/16/2012 - FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 6/19/2012  
**Public Hearing:** 7/24/2012 - 10:00 AM  
11/20/2012 - 10:00 AM

**Council Action (1)** 7/24/2012 - RECOMMIT  
**Council Votes:** WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Council Action (2)** 11/20/2012 - ENACTED  
**Council Votes:** WC:N, DLD:-, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Remarks:**

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

03-101, 03-122

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee

**Date 10/16/2012**

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

The Legislative Officer provided an overview of the procedural posture of the bill and that it was recommitted by the Council to the Committee on July 24, 2012 after a public hearing was held.

CB-41-2012 Proposed Draft 3 concerns Animal Control – Ear Tipped Cats for the purpose of defining an ear tipped cat; imposing conditions on the trapping and release of ear tipped cats; and generally related to ear tipped cats.

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the Proposed Draft 3 of the bill to the Committee for discussion. Additional testimony was presented by the DER, Animal Control, the Health Department and the ten (10) members of the public.

The Committee had discussions and accepted amendments as reflected in Proposed Draft 3.

**Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee**

**Date 6/19/2012**

June 19th, 2012

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

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-41-2012 concerns Animal Control – Ear Tipped Cats for the purpose of defining an ear tipped cat; imposing conditions on the trapping and release of ear tipped cats; and generally related to ear tipped cats.

The Legislative Officer provided review of a Proposed Draft 2A to the Committee for discussion. Additional testimony was presented by the DER, Animal Control and the County Executive's Office.

The Committee had extensive discussions and accepted the several amendments as reflected in Draft 2.

The Office of Law determined that CB-41-2012 was in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation found that enacted may have a negative or adverse fiscal impact as a result of additional operating costs.

June 14th, 2012

Committee Action: Held until June 19th meeting

The Committee Chair requested that the Legislative Officer prepare an updated Amendment table to be discussed at the June 19th meeting in addition to entertaining possible amendments from the County Executive's Office. The Committee entertained testimonies from various interested parties.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This bill defines an ear-tipped cat as a cat that has had a straight line cutting ¼ '' off of the tip of the left ear while the cat is anesthetized. A cat who has been ear tipped indicates that it has been neutered and vaccinated.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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