

Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/17/2009
Reference No.: CB-040-2009
Draft No.: 3
Proposer(s): Exum, Dernoga, Knotts
Sponsor(s): Exum, Dernoga, Knotts, Dean, Bland
Item Title: An Act concerning towing regulations for the purpose of amending provisions of the Code relating to towing regulations and towing of vehicles from private property, establishing license fees and penalties, and transferring certain responsibilities regarding towing regulations from the Police Department to the Department of Environmental Resources.

Drafter: Todd M. Turner, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Kendal C. Gray, Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	9/29/2009	Executive Action:	11/23/2009 S
Committee Referral:	9/29/2009 - THE	Effective Date:	1/8/2010

Committee Action: 10/13/2009 - FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 10/20/2009
Public Hearing: 11/17/2009 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/17/2009 - ENACTED
Council Votes: MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

05-264, 05-265, 05-266, 05-267, 05-268, 05-268.01, 05-270, 05-272, 05-273, 05-274, 05-274.01, 26-142, 26-142.01, 26-142.02, 26-142.03, 26-142.04, 26-142.05, 26-142.06, 26-142.08, 26-142.09, 26-142.10, 26-142.11, 26-142.12, 26-142.13, 26-142.14

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation, Housing and Environment

Date 10/13/2009

October 13, 2009

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Dean, Turner, Knotts and Harrison)

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-40-2009 amends the County Code to relating to towing regulations and towing of vehicles from private property, establishes license fees and penalties and transferring certain responsibilities from the Police Department to the Department of Environmental Resources (DER). This legislation seeks to implement recommendations in the Towing Task Force Report issued in 2007.

Representatives from DER supported the bill and offered two amendments. Mr. Christopher Erdle, former Chair of the Towing Task Force, testified in support of CB-40-2009 in its entirety.

Additional testimony was presented by the representatives of the towing industry and the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington in general support of bill but offering several amendments to the legislation.

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

The Office of Law determined that CB-40-2009 was in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there will be a positive fiscal impact in the amount of \$238,000 annually on the County as a result of adopting CB-40-2009.

October 8, 2009

Committee Action: Held until October 13th meeting

The Legislative Officer provided a Proposed Draft 2 to the Committee for discussion.

The Committee Chair requested that the Legislative Officer prepare an updated comparison chart including the current County Code provision, the Towing Task Force recommendations and the Proposed Draft 2 and that it be provided to the Committee, Department, other interested parties and to the Task Force Chair for review.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This bill seeks to implement certain recommendations of the June 2007 Towing Task Force Report, created by CR-19-2006.

10/20/2009 - Prior to introduction, CB-40-2009 (DR-2) was amended on the follor as follows:

On page 15, starting at line 18, strike "12:00 A.M." and substitute "9:00 P.M."

CB-40-2009 (DR-3) was introduced;

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
