

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2024 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-072-2024

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Dernoga

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Regulation of Invasive Bamboo

3 For the purpose of regulating invasive bamboo, and generally relating to the regulation of
4 invasive bamboo.

5 BY adding:

6 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY

7 STANDARDS

8 Sections 13-246.03, 13-246.04, and 13.246.05

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2023 Edition)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
12 Maryland, that Sections 13-246.03, 13-246.04 and 13.246.05 of the Prince George's County Code
13 be and the same are hereby added:

14 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY

15 STANDARDS

16 **DIVISION 7A. REGULATION OF INVASIVE**

17 **BAMBOO**

18 **Sec. 13-246.03 – Definitions.**

19 (a) For the purposes of this Division, the following words and phrase shall have the
20 following meanings indicated:

21 (1) **Bamboo** means a perennial evergreen that belongs to the true grass family Poaceae.

1 subfamily Bambusoideae, tribe Bambuseae.

2 (2) **Invasive Bamboo** means bamboo that is characterized by aggressive spreading
3 behavior, including bamboo species in the Genus Phyllostachys aureosulcata (yellow groove
4 bamboo); otherwise known as running bamboo.

5 **Sec. 13-246.04.- Regulation.**

6 (1) In Prince George’s County Council, no person may:

7 (a) sell invasive bamboo;

8 (b) plant invasive bamboo; or

9 (c) allow invasive bamboo to grow on the property of the person without proper
10 upkeep and appropriate containment measures, including barriers or trenches.

11 **Sec. 13-246.05. - Enforcement.**

12 (a) A person aggrieved by an alleged violation of this Division may file a written complaint
13 (including in electronic format) with the Department of Permitting Inspections and Enforcement
14 (DPIE).

15 (b) If DPIE issues a notice of violation to a property owner for growing bamboo in violation
16 of 13-246.04, the property owner shall implement appropriate containment measures within three
17 (3) months.

18 (c) Any individual(s) or property owner found in violation of this Division shall be subject
19 to a civil fine of \$500.00 for the first violation and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.

20 (d) An individual(s) or property owner found in violation of this Division shall be required
21 to mitigate any damage caused by invasive bamboo on their property that spreads to an adjoining
22 property. Mitigation shall include, but not limited to, the cost of any running bamboo that grows
23 beyond the boundaries of an individual’s property.

24 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
25 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
26 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
27 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
28 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
29 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
30 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
31 or section.

1 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that within ninety (90) days after the enactment
2 of this Act, sufficient written an electronic notice shall go out to the Prince George’s County
3 Chamber of Commerce, the Prince George’s County Department of the Environment (DoE), The
4 Prince George’s Parks and Recreation and any other recipients as determined by the Council.

5 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
6 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.