

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2010 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-35-2010

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Harrison

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Private Property Towing

3 For the purpose of amending the County Code to revise the definition of towing company for
4 private property tows to include the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

7 Section 26-142,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2007 Edition, 2009 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Section 26-142 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 **SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.**

14 **DIVISION 10. TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

15 **FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

16 **Sec. 26-142. Definitions.**

17 (a) For the purposes of this Division, the following words and phrases shall have the
18 meanings assigned below, except in those instances in which the context clearly indicates a
19 different meaning:

20 (1) **Authorized towing company** means a towing company duly licensed by Prince
21 George's County, Maryland, pursuant to the provisions of Subtitle 5, Division 21, of this Code.

1 (2) **County** means Prince George's County, Maryland.

2 (3) **County Police** means the County Police of Prince George's County, Maryland.

3 (3.1) **Director** means the Director of Environmental Resources.

4 (4) **Impounding** means the temporary storage of a vehicle that has been removed
5 from private property, as herein defined, at a facility maintained by the County.

6 (5) **Motor Vehicle Administration** means the Motor Vehicle Administration of the
7 State of Maryland.

8 (6) **Motor Vehicle Law of Maryland** means Titles 11 through 27 of the
9 Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1977), as may be amended from time
10 to time.

11 (7) **Private property** means private property which has been posted by the owner of
12 the property against unauthorized parking pursuant to the provisions of this Division.

13 (8) **Property owner** includes the owner of property or any person having a
14 possessory interest in such property.

15 (9) **Towing** means the moving or removing of a vehicle by a tow truck.

16 (10) **Towing company** means the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County, a
17 person or other entity that provides towing services.

18 (11) **Vehicle** means a vehicle as defined in Section 11-176 of the Transportation
19 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1977) as amended from time to time, which includes
20 but is not limited to motor vehicles, motorcycles and trailers.

21 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
22 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2010.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
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.