

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**2025 Legislative Session**Bill No. CB-031-2025

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member OriadhaIntroduced by Council Members Oriadha, Watson, Olson, Hawkins, Ivey and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction June 10, 2025**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Antilitter and Weed Ordinance

3 For the purpose of requiring the Director to take certain actions to properly dispose of a
4 commercial owners or commercial owner responsible persons litter or weeds, or both; providing
5 for the conditions of disposal; providing for the payment of certain costs and administration fee;
6 providing for a certain notice; imposing a certain fine; increasing a certain monetary fine for
7 certain violations of Division 9. Antilitter and Weed Ordinance; providing for a certain tax lien;
8 providing for an additional civil monetary fine for certain noncompliance with violations of
9 Division 9. Antilitter and Weed Ordinance; and generally regarding Division 9. Antilitter and
10 Weed Ordinance.

11 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

12 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY
13 STANDARDS.

14 Sections 13-267 and 13-271,
15 The Prince George's County Code
16 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
18 Maryland, that Sections 13-267 and 13-271 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same
19 are hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments:

20 **SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.**21 **DIVISION 9. ANTILITTER AND WEED ORDINANCE.**

Sec. 13-267. Action upon noncompliance.

(a) It shall be the responsibility of any owner or responsible person duly notified to properly dispose of litter or weeds, or both, within ten (10) calendar days after United States Postal Service first class mail of written notice provided for in Section 13-266, above, or within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of written notice when personal service is effected, or within ten (10) calendar days after physical posting of the property, and so notify the Director. If the violation is not corrected within such time period, the Director shall issue a civil monetary fine or an administrative fine in accordance with Section 13-271. After the expiration of the ten (10) calendar days, the Director is also hereby authorized and empowered to defray the costs of disposing of such litter or weeds, or both, by contract, or to order its disposal by County personnel. The property owner shall be notified of the charges for disposal, in the manner prescribed by Section 13-266, and shall have thirty (30) days to pay.

(b) After a fourth noncompliance action in one year, by a commercial owner or commercial owners responsible person, as set forth in Section 13-267(a), the Director, by County personnel or by contract, shall properly dispose of litter or weeds, or both, on the property, every two weeks or once a month and the commercial owner or commercial owners responsible person shall pay one-hundred percent (100%) of the cost of disposing of such litter or weeds, or both. and [all administrative costs the County incurred arising from the disposal] shall pay a ten-percent (10%) administration fee. The property owner shall be notified of the charges for disposal, in the manner prescribed by Section 13-266. If the bill for the charges is not paid as due, a fine in the amount of double the cost for the charges for disposal shall be imposed. Section 13-268, Section 13-269, and Section 13-270 shall apply to this section for the charges included in the tax bill, the recorded statement constituting a lien, and appeals.

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Sec. 13-271. Civil monetary fine; injunctive relief.

(a) In addition to the provisions of Sections 13-267 through 13-270 of this Code, a person found in violation of this Division shall be liable to a civil fine in accordance with Division 3 of Subtitle 28 of this Code.

(b) The person issued the civil citation for violating this Division shall be subject to a total monetary fine of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for noncompliance by a commercial owner or commercial owners responsible person for each

violation. Each day the violation continues is deemed a separate offense and is subject to an additional citation and fine. ~~Noncompliance by commercial owners shall be:~~

~~(1) First offense shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000);~~

~~(2) Second offense shall be four thousand dollars (\$4,000);~~

~~(3) Third offense shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000);~~

~~(4) A fourth and all subsequent offenses shall be in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and the County will take action in accordance with Section 13-267.~~

(c) In addition, the County Attorney shall be authorized to pursue compliance of this Division by way of injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) The Police Department shall be authorized to issue a criminal citation or warning in lieu of the issuance of a civil citation pursuant to Subtitle 28, Division 3.

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

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Tara H. Jackson
Acting 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.