

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

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Committee: TIEE

Date: 10/10/2024

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 3-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Burroughs, and Dernoga).

The Committee convened on June 13, 2024, and again on October 10, 2024, to discuss CB-46-2024, which as originally proposed, would have required that every approved commercially available type of refuse container, including dumpsters, would have a lock securing the container to control overflow of trash and other contents. During the June 13th meeting, significant concerns were raised by the Maryland Retailers Alliance, refuse hauling companies, and the County's Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE). As a result of these concerns the bill was held.

In response to the concerns raised at the June 13th meeting, the sponsor proposed the following amendments on October 10th:

- The requirement for container locks for all commercial trash containers and dumpsters is removed
- Removing language requiring the issuance of fines for owners or responsible parties of \$2,000 to \$5,000 upon the receipt of two (2) complaints within a twelve (12) month period
- Adding language allowing the County to assess a \$1,000 fine after the third violation, and a \$1,000 increase for each subsequent violation, up to a maximum of \$5,000 for a commercial property or multifamily rental facility
- After the third violation, the County may also require the commercial property or multifamily rental facility to install an individual container locking mechanism as designated by the agency

The Committee voted favorably on these amendments, which are included in Amendment #1.

After discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CB-46-2024 as amended by a vote of 3-0.