

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-038-2025

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Committee: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment

Date: 5/8/2025

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Harrison, Blegay, and Dernoga)

The Committee convened on May 8, 2025, to discuss CB-38-2025, which amends Subtitle 26 (Vehicles & Traffic), Division 18 (Impoundment) of the Prince George's County Code regarding the requirements for notifying vehicle owners of vehicle impoundment. Currently, the County Code requires the County's Revenue Authority or Police Department to notify owners by registered mail within two (2) full County working days after impoundment. The required notice must be mailed to the last known registered owner of the vehicle and to each secured property, as may be disclosed by the vehicle license number, if such be obtainable, and to any other person who claims the right to possession of the vehicle, if such claim is actually known to an officer, agent, or employee of the police department who has knowledge of the impoundment. If a police officer who has knowledge of the impoundment has reason to believe that an owner or one who claims the right to possession of the vehicle is residing or is in custody at some different address which is known to the officer, a copy of the notice shall also be mailed by regular mail to such owner or claimant at the known address. If a vehicle is redeemed prior to the mailing of such notice, then notice need not be mailed.

CB-38-2025 changes the notice requirement to seven (7) days, to bring the County's notice requirement in line with state law, and replaces the Revenue Authority with the Department of the Environment (DOE) or their designee.

During the committee's discussion, staff from the County Executive's Office testified in support of CB-38-2025 and requested an amendment to remove references to DOE, which retains the Revenue Authority as the notifying agency along with the Police Department. The Committee voted favorably on the requested amendment.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CB-38-2025 as amended by a vote of 4-0.