

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 8/10/2010
Reference No.: CB-036-2010
Draft No.: 4
Proposer(s): Bland, Dean, Dernoga, Knotts, Olson
Sponsor(s): Bland, Dean, Dernoga, Knotts, Olson
Item Title: An Act concerning taxicabs and limousines for the purpose of amending provisions of the Code regulating taxicabs, amending certain definitions and requirements for certificates of registration, licensees, fees and otherwise relating to the regulation of taxicabs.

Drafter: Todd M. Turner/Colette Gresham, Legislative Officers
Resource Personnel: Taxicab Service Task Force

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	5/11/2010	Executive Action:	8/5/2010 V
Committee Referral:	5/11/2010 - THE	Effective Date:	10/1/2010

Committee Action: 6/10/2010 - FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 6/15/2010
Public Hearing: 7/13/2010 - 1:30 PM

Council Action (1) 7/13/2010 - ENACTED
Council Votes: MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Council Action (2) 8/10/2010 - V.OVERRIDE
Council Votes: MB:A, WC:-, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:A, TK:-, EO:A, IT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

20-102, 20-102.01, 20-102.02, 20-103, 20-104, 20-105, 20-106, 20-107, 20-108, 20-109, 20-110, 20-111, 20-112, 20-132.01, 20-145, 20-148, 20-150, 20-152, 20-153, 20-155, 20-156, 20-157, 20-159

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation, Housing and Environment

Date 6/10/2010

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Olson and Knotts)

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-36-2010 amends the County Code to relating to Taxicabs, amends certain definitions and requirements for certificates of registration, licensees, fees and otherwise relating to the regulation of Taxicabs. This legislation seeks to implement recommendations in the Taxicab Task Force Report issued in 2010.

The Legislative Officer provided a Proposed Draft 2 to the Committee for discussion.

CR-74-2009 established the Taxi-Cab Service Task Force to review and evaluate the County's taxi-Cabs operations and their impact on County Residents, Agencies and the industry and to recommend appropriate amendments to the County Code and Regulations. CB-48-2009 was a piece of legislation drafted to amend Taxicab Service regulations but was never enacted. The Task Force was therefore asked to use this piece of drafted legislation as a guide for what areas should be reviewed.

Additional testimony was presented by the representatives of the Taxicab industry and the Prince George's County Taxicab Workers Alliance. DER Director Charles Wilson and Deputy Director Mr. Tom Matzen were in general support of bill but offered several amendments to the legislation.

The Committee had extensive discussions on June 7th, 2010 and June 10th, 2009 with all interested parties and accepted the several amendments as reflected in Draft 2.

The Office of Law determined that CB-36-2010 was in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there will be a positive fiscal impact in the amount of \$275,000 annually on the County as a result of adopting CB-36-2010.

June 7th, 2010

Committee Action: Held until June 10th, meeting

The Committee Chair requested that the Legislative Officer prepare an updated Amendment table to be discussed at the June 10th meeting. Representatives from the Taxicab industry testified against the proposed legislation whilst representatives of the Prince George's County Taxicab Workers Alliance testified in support of the proposed legislation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The proposed legislation seeks to implement the recommendations of the Taxicab Service Task Force, created by CR-74-2009, by amending the Code provisions regulating taxicabs, amending certain definitions and requirements for certificates of registration, licensees, fees and otherwise related to the regulation of taxicabs in the County.

7/13/2010 - After public hearing CB-36-2010 (DR-3) was amended on the floor as follows:

Motion to Amendment #1 by Council Member Exum; seconded by Council Member Turner; motion carried 9-0.

AMENDMENT#1

1. On page 18, starting at line 14 after "below", add ", unless the Council, by resolution, after the annual review shall reduce or eliminate the number of certificates to be issued";
2. On page 18, starting at line 15 after "Council", delete "may, by resolution," and substitute "shall" and after "review", add "by July 15th,".
3. On page 18, starting at line 29, after "certificate.", add "For the purpose of certificates issued on October 1, 2010 under subsection (a), the Director shall only consider the period of two (2) years prior to the effective date of this Act".

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
