

Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/17/2015
Reference No.: CB-071-2015
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): Franklin, Glaros
Sponsor(s): Franklin, Glaros, Turner, Taveras, Lehman
Item Title: An Act concerning Finance and Taxation for the purpose of requiring any tax lien against property in the County to be charged and added to the property owner's property tax bill.

Drafter: Office of Council Member Franklin
Resource Personnel: Colette R. Gresham, Legislative Officer
Brendon L. Laster, Chief of Staff District 9

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	9/15/2015	Executive Action:	11/25/2015 S
Committee Referral:	9/15/2015 - PSFM	Effective Date:	1/11/2016

Committee Action: 10/7/2015 - FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 10/20/2015
Public Hearing: 11/17/2015 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/17/2015 - ENACTED
Council Votes: DLD:A, MRF:A, DG:A, AH:A, ML:A, OP:A, DT:A, KT:-, TT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

10-122.01

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety and Fiscal Management

Date 10/7/2015

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison Lehman, Taveras, and Turner)

CB-71-2015 requires any tax liens against real property to be charged against the owner of such property and added to the property owner's tax liability on the next recurring real property tax bill from the County, unless otherwise stated in the Prince George's County Code.

The Chief of Treasury stated that this practice is currently being carried out each fiscal year for clean lot liens. As a result, the property owner will either pay the clean lot lien on the property or the lien will attach to the real property tax bill and will be assessed for payment in the next real property tax sale. If the lien assessed property taxes remain unpaid for thirty days after generation of the property tax bill, the lien is considered delinquent and the account is assessed penalties and interest of twenty percent (20%) annually.

The Office of Law recommended clarifying language to specifically state that this bill will only deal with County Property tax liens. Draft 2 of CB-71-2015 includes this language.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reports that the enactment of CB-71-2015 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

After discussion the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee voted 4-0 favorable as amended on the bill.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

The proposed legislation requires, unless otherwise stated in the Code, any tax lien against property in the County shall be charged to the owner of such property and added to the property tax liability of the owner on the next annual property tax bill issued by the County.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
