

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 4/8/97

**Reference No.:** CB-20-1997

**Proposer:** County Executive

**Draft No.:** 1

**Sponsors:** Wilson

**Item Title:** The payment of property taxes by credit card

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 2/25/97

**Executive Action:** 4/23/97 S

**Committee Referral:**(1) 2/25/97 PSFM

**Effective Date:** 6/9/97

**Committee Action:**(1) 3/6/97 FAV

**Date Introduced:** 3/18/97

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) 4/8/97 1:45 P.M.

**Council Action:** (1) 4/8/97 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, AMc:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** Date: 3/6/97

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0, (In favor: Council Members Wilson, Estepp, Gourdine, Maloney and Scott).

This Bill will authorize the County to collect taxes through the use of credit cards. The County will only contract with the issuer of a credit card which will permit the County to add a service charge to the user of the credit card for paying property tax. The service charge fee may not exceed the amount charged to the County for use of this credit card. The enactment of this legislation will require only minimal changes in the billing process and should not materially change administrative costs.

The Office of Finance stated that this method of payment is in keeping with the way business is conducted today. The Treasury Division has had numerous inquiries about the use of charge cards.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-20-1997.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

This legislation will permit the payment of property taxes by credit card.

### **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

#### **Finance and Taxation**

##### ***Tax Assessment, Levy, and Collection***

##### ***Property Tax***

County billing and collection of municipal property taxes .....	10-204.01
<u>Credit card payment of property taxes .....</u>	<u>10-204.02</u>
Date of finality .....	10-193.01