



**THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**Office of Audits and Investigations**

September 27, 2016

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.  
Council Administrator

William M. Hunt  
Deputy Council Administrator

THRU: David H. Van Dyke *DHVD*  
County Auditor

FROM: Inez N. Claggett *INC*  
Legislative Auditor

RE: Fiscal Impact Statement  
CB-62-2016 Civil Monetary Fines or Penalties

Pursuant to your request, we have reviewed CB-62-2016 to estimate its fiscal impact on Prince George's County, Maryland.

CB-62-2016 is companion legislation related to the proposed CB-61-2016 and amends the civil monetary fines for violation of the Zoning Ordinance, related to illegal signs, within the County.

Specifically, the proposed Bill increases the civil monetary fine for violation of Prince George's County Code Sections 27-593, 27-609, or 27-610 related to illegal signs, from One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the first violation, and from Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the second violation. The civil monetary fine related to the third and subsequent violations will remain the same at One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

Enactment of CB-62-2016 may result in positive fiscal impact for the County related to an increase in collections received from fines and/or penalties imposed on owners, or users of signs, which violate the Zoning Ordinance in force at the time of the construction of the sign. An increase in the penalty may act as a deterrent to violating the Zoning Ordinance. A reasonable estimate of any additional revenue related to the increase in the penalty cannot be readily determined at this time.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.

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