



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

**Meeting Date:** 11/17/2025

**Effective Date:** 1/23/2026

**Reference No.:** CB-062-2025

**Chapter Number:** 54

**Draft No.:** 2

**Public Hearing Date:** 11/17/2025 @ 10:00 AM

**Proposer(s):** County Executive

**Sponsor(s):** Dernoga and Watson

**Item Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS for the purpose of clarifying ambiguity with respect to requirements for seeking judicial review and aligning the appellate rights for administrative citations with those that are available for civil citations.

**Drafter:** Calisa Smith, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law  
Lori Parris, Chief of Staff, DPIE

**Resource Personnel:** Calisa Smith, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law  
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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
06/17/2025	County Council	presented and referred	PHED
<b>Action Text:</b> This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.			
07/03/2025	PHED	Held in Committee	
<b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Chair Dernoga, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:  Aye: 5 Dernoga, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford			
09/04/2025	PHED	Held in Committee	
<b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:  Aye: 4 Dernoga, Hawkins, Olson and Adams-Stafford			
Excused: 1 Oriadha			
10/02/2025	PHED	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council

**Action Text:**

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Dernoga, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

10/21/2025 County Council introduced

**Action Text:**

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Dernoga and Watson.

11/17/2025 County Council public hearing held

**Action Text:**

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

11/17/2025 County Council enacted

**Action Text:**

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 Blegay, Dernoga, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Adams-Stafford

Absent: 1 Hawkins

Abstain: 3 Fisher, Harrison and Oriadha

12/08/2025 County Executive signed

**Action Text:**

This Council Bill was signed

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**AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**

13-1129

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

Current law specifies that administrative remedies must be exhausted prior to seeking judicial review in the circuit court, but there has been some ambiguity as to whether reconsideration is considered to be an administrative remedy. This proposal clarifies that a Respondent must file a timely request for reconsideration, as opposed to seeking immediate review in Circuit Court.

Current law also provides a direct right to appeal to the Appellate Court of Maryland if a party is aggrieved by a circuit court decision. This allows a Respondent two direct appeals from an administrative decision - one to the circuit court and one to the appellate. In contrast, a party who is aggrieved by a district court decision in a civil citation case only has a right to one direct appeal (to circuit court). Any further appeals beyond that point are discretionary. This proposal aligns the two processes so that, in each case, a party has one right to a direct appeal.

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