

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 6/17/2014  
**Reference No.:** CR-028-2014  
**Draft No.:** 2  
**Proposer(s):** Lehman  
**Sponsor(s):** Lehman, Toles, Olson, Campos, Franklin, Patterson  
**Item Title:** A Resolution concerning Green Fleet Policy for the purpose of implementing a Green Fleet Policy in Prince George's County to purchase, lease, or otherwise obtain the most energy efficient vehicles possible; manage and operate the County fleet in a manner that is energy efficient and minimizes emissions; and incorporate practices that improve public health, minimize pollution, and conserve resources.

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>		<b>Executive Action:</b>
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	5/13/2014 - PSFM	<b>Effective Date:</b>
<b>Committee Action:</b>	6/5/2014 - FAV(A)	
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	5/13/2014	
<b>Public Hearing:</b>		
<b>Council Action (1)</b>	6/17/2014 - ADOPTED	
<b>Council Votes:</b>	WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A	
<b>Pass/Fail:</b>	P	
<b>Remarks:</b>		

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Public Safety and Fiscal Management

**Date 6/5/2014**

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable as amended 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Toles, Davis, Harrison, Lehman, and Turner)

This resolution establishes a Green Fleet Policy in the County to purchase, lease, or otherwise obtain the most energy efficient vehicles possible; to manage and operate the County fleet in a manner that is energy efficient and minimizes emissions; and to attempt to achieve a 25% decrease in total vehicle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by fiscal year 2025, using fiscal year 2015 as a baseline year. Staff gave an overview of the Green Fleet Policy which provides for the creation of a Green Fleet Team to develop and monitor policies and procedures related to the purchase of County vehicles, as well as requiring the Office of Central Services (OCS) to establish and maintain an inventory of vehicles in its fleet. The policy consists of implementation strategies for optimizing fleet size, replacement vehicles, adding charging stations to County facilities, vehicle maintenance, vehicle disposal, funding and life-cycle cost consideration, and exemptions. OCS and the Green Fleet Team shall provide annual reporting and evaluations of the policy to the Council. The Committee discussed the need for a comprehensive plan that outlines the cost to

implement the policy. Roland Jones, Acting Director, OCS stated that the County received a grant to address the efficiency of the County fleet; however, they do not know how much greenhouse gas the older cars are emitting. It was also noted that the County should consider the small size of most hybrid vehicles when purchasing fleet replacements and whether the size poses any safety concerns.

A proposed draft two of the resolution was discussed which amends the definition section, revises the baseline inventory metrics, requires the County to purchase or lease only models of light duty vehicles, exempts marked public safety vehicles, and clarifies exemptions that would disrupt operations.

The Office of Law has reviewed this legislation and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The enactment of CR-28-2014 may have a negative fiscal impact on the County as the purchase price and maintenance costs of energy efficient vehicles may exceed the purchase price and maintenance costs of vehicles that are not energy efficient. However, consideration should be given to the extent by which the energy efficient vehicle improves public health, minimizes pollution, conserves natural resources, and assists in meeting the County's environmental goals.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

The County's Office of Central Services Fleet Management Division is responsible for the purchasing, oversight, operation, and management of a fleet of more than 4,000 vehicles used by agencies across the County government. The vehicle purchasing decisions of the County have an impact on the County's greenhouse gas emissions and local air pollution. The proposed legislation establishes a Green Fleet Policy to purchase, lease, or otherwise obtain the most energy efficient vehicles possible as well as manage and operate the County's fleet in a manner that is energy efficient and minimizes emissions.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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