



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 9/17/2024

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Chapter Number:

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Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Hawkins and Dernoga

Sponsor(s): Hawkins and Dernoga

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING VEHICLE LAW - NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS - PILOT PROGRAM for the purpose of establishing a pilot program to authorize the use of noise abatement monitoring systems in Prince George's County to enforce certain motor vehicle noise requirements; and generally relating to the use of noise abatement monitoring systems.

Drafter: Reese Espy-Glassman, Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Joel Peebles, Chief of Staff, Council At-Large Hawkins Office

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/17/2024	County Council	presented and referred	HHSPS

Action Text:

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Hawkins and Dernoga and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

This proposed legislation establishes a pilot program to use noise abatement monitoring systems in Prince George's County to enforce motor vehicle noise requirements. The noise abatement mechanisms shall serve as an enforcement of the motor vehicle noise mitigation. First time violators shall be issued a warning and subsequent violations will receive a civil fine not exceeding \$75.00. The noise cameras can only be used to pick up sounds that occur on the roadway to issue noise citations and not for any other purpose. After a person's second warning, a notice may be issued. If a person has been issued a notice, that person has thirty (30) days to submit a justification to the Maryland Vehicle Administration. Almost one-third of Americans are exposed to harmful noise levels. Estimates from 2013 show 104 million individuals are at risk of hearing loss due to noise exposure, and a great portion of them are at risk of health issues such as cardiovascular disease, sleep disturbance, high blood pressure, increase in heart rate, learning and concentration issues. Medical health experts have reported that noise pollution is common in communities of color and racially segregated cities. The Prince George's County Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems Pilot Program (NAMSP) is a pilot program and shall end on December 31st, 2026.

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