

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

Meeting Date: 7/2/2002

Reference No.: CB-50-2002

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Shapiro, Wilson, Bailey

Item Title: An Act clarifying the definition of improved area for calculation of the special assessment for commercial and non-residential properties

Drafter: Karen T. Zavakos
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Resource William P. Chamberlin
Personnel: DER

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 5/21/2002

Executive Action: 7/23/2002 S

Committee Referral: 5/21/2002 PSFM

Effective Date: 9/9/2002

Committee Action: 6/4/2002 FAV

Date Introduced: 6/11/2002

Public Hearing: 7/2/2002 10:00 A.M.

Council Action: 7/2/2002 ENACTED

Council Votes: PS:A, DB:A, TD:A, JE:A, TH:A, TK:A; RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: Retroactive to 7/1/2002

6/11/2002: Amended on the floor; DR-2 introduced

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: 6/4/02

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Councilmembers Wilson, Dernoga, Hendershot and Russell).

This bill will clarify the definition of an improved area of calculation of the System Benefit Charge (SBC) paid by all non-residential property owners to help fund the building and maintenance of the County's waste disposal system.

The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) states that some commercial

property owners have filed appeals with DER contending that only portions of their commercial buildings could be considered as an “improved area”. The original legislation (CB-61-2000) did not specifically define what “improved area” meant. By defining “improved area”, this

legislation will close the current loophole in the law and provide for less disputed calculations of the total square footage and the corresponding special assessment tax for each commercial building.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-50-2002.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

This bill clarifies the definition of improved area for calculation of the special assessment for commercial and non-residential properties.

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