



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT


## Office of Audits and Investigations


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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.  
Council Administrator

William M. Hunt  
Deputy Council Administrator

THRU: David H. Van Dyke   
County Auditor

FROM: Josh Hamlin   
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RE: Fiscal Impact Statement  
CB-050-2019 Designation of Parking Permit Areas

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#### *Legislative Summary*

CB-050-2019, sponsored by Councilmembers Glaros, Taveras, and Dernoga, was presented on September 24, 2019. CB-50-2019 would amend § 26-136 of the County Code to provide that the County Council may designate, by resolution, certain areas in the County as Parking Permit Areas. Currently such areas may only be so designated by the County Executive.

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#### *Background/Current Law*

Division 9 of Subtitle 26 of the County Code deals generally with parking permit areas in the County. Section 26-136 authorizes the County Executive to “designate roads, streets, and other areas in the County as Parking Permit Areas in which the parking of vehicles is restricted during specified times, unless a proper parking permit is displayed in or on the vehicle. These restrictions generally limit “nonresident” parking to periods of not more than three hours between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. from Monday through Saturday, although other hours and days during which parking restrictions apply may be designated.

Parking Permit Areas designated under § 26-136 must be in solely residential areas where commercial and industrial uses do not exist, and require a County traffic engineering study prior to designation. Residents of an affected area, or elected officials of a municipality, may request an area be considered for designation as a Parking Permit Area. Prior to designation of an area as a Parking Permit Area, a public hearing must be held. The penalty for parking in a Parking Permit Area without a permit during restricted hours is \$100 for each violation.

***Assumptions and Methodology***

CB-50-2019 would simply add the County Council as an entity authorized to designate Parking Permit Areas in the County. It would not change the requirements or process for designating these areas, but may result in a greater number of areas being considered for designation.

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***Fiscal Impact***

- Direct Impact

Enactment of CB-50-2019 should not have a direct negative fiscal impact on the County. It is possible, to the extent that it results in more areas being considered for designation as Parking Permit Areas, that the County would incur increased costs associated with additional traffic studies and public hearings.

- Indirect Impact

Enactment of CB-50-2019 may have a positive indirect fiscal impact on the County in event that it results in a greater number of Parking Permit Areas that result in a greater number of citations for violation.

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***Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget***

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***Effective Date***

The proposed Bill shall be effective forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

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