

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-96-2018

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Committee: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

Date: OCTOBER 11, 2018

Action: N/R

REPORT:

Committee Vote: No Recommendation, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Toles, Lehman and Taveras)

CB-96-2018 amends Section 26-127.04 of the Prince George's County Code setting forth the County parking regulations detailing the stopping, standing, and parking prohibitions in the County.

The Legislative Officer provided an overview indicating that under current law, the fine for violation of the residential and non-residential citations is \$50.00. This bill would increase the fine for a violation of a residential citation to \$100.00.

The Bill sponsor, Council Member Toles, indicated the need for this legislation since parking in residential communities is becoming increasingly difficult especially for our seniors. The Bill sponsor recognized that increasing the citation to \$100.00 is higher than other regions; but indicated that Prince George's County has more suburban areas and the higher rate would act as deterrent while generating revenue for the county to offset enforcement responsibilities.

The Office of the County Executive liaison expressed support of CB-96-2018.

The Office of Law finds it to be in proper legislative form and see no legal impediments to its enactment.

Ms. Dianne Harris, Manager, Community Relations, and Mr. Anthony Poteat, Chief Operating Officer both from the Revenue Authority provided additional information and responses to committee concerns. Mr. Poteat indicated his agency supports and agreed that it has become a hardship for seniors to find parking in their communities. Mr. Poteat provided a summary of citations in neighboring jurisdictions: Baltimore \$52, Montgomery County \$50, Baltimore City, \$52, Annapolis \$40, \$70 and \$105 (scale) and Washington, DC \$50.

A Council Member raised the question regarding warnings prior to the issuance of a citation.

The Revenue Authority representative indicated that the only warnings are for “72” hour violations.

A question was raised regarding the language on page three (3), (C), lines 23 – 26 as it relates to the fines and in particular “curb stoning” (selling cars) which has a fine of up to \$1,000. Mr. Poteat indicated that the fines hadn’t been raised since 2011. The violations in this section are subjected to a fine of \$50 dollars except for curb stoning.

A question was raised regarding the language on page 3, (f), lines 27 – 29, if it pertained to communities with the Parking Permit Program. The Revenue Authority interpretation was that it did include the communities that participated in the parking permit program. However, the sponsor indicated that was not the intent of the legislation.

No amendment of substance can be offered since CB-96-2018 went straight to introduction. Therefore, CB-96-2018 was moved with no recommendation with clarifying language be considered at the time of the public hearing.