



# Prince George's County, Maryland

## Inter-Office Memorandum

### Office of Law

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

**DATE:** April 9, 2025

**TO:** Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator

**THRU:** J. Kenneth Battle, Jr.  
Director, Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy &  
Environmental Committee

**THRU:** Rhonda L. Weaver, County Attorney

**THRU:** Joseph C. Ruddy, Deputy County Attorney

**FROM:** Terry L. Bell, Associate County Attorney

**RE:** CB-023-2025

The Office of Law has reviewed the above referenced bill as it was presented on March 25, 2025, and finds it to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Law sees no legal impediment to its enactment with the following amendments that make the bill consistent with the Schedule of Legislation. The Office of Law recommends:

Removal on page 2, line 1 of "The Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement (DPPE) and insert "The Department of the Environment."

Pursuant to the Schedule of Legislation, Section 11. – Department of the Environment...*The Director shall be responsible for the administration of County laws relating to Animal control.* (Emphasis added). Subtitle 3. – Animal Control, Division 1-Definitions, Sections 3-101(6) and 3-101(a)(8) are defined as follows:

**Animal** shall mean every nonhuman species of animal, both domesticated and wild, including, but not limited to, dogs, cats, ferrets, livestock, and fowl.

**Animal Control Program** shall mean that unit within the Department of the Environment designated by the Director to administer and enforce the provisions of this Subtitle under the direction of the Administrator of Animal Control.

It is the Office of Law's recommendation, based on the provisions cited above, that the Department of the Environment is the agency responsible for animal control.