

# **Prince George's County Council**

## **Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: 11/14/2023 Effective Date: Reference No.: CB-025-2023 Chapter Number:

**Draft No.:** 1 **Public Hearing Date:** 11/14/2023 @ 9:00 AM

**Proposer(s):** Hawkins

**Sponsor(s):** Hawkins, Watson, Ivey, Franklin and Fisher

Item Title: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING NONRESIDENTIAL AND MIXED - USE

FORM AND DESIGN STANDARDS - DONATION CONTAINERS for the

purpose of amending the Nonresidential and Mixed Use Form and Design Standards of the Zoning Ordinance to prohibit placement of donation boxes for collection of household and personal items on the exterior property areas and associated parking

areas.

**Drafter:** Karen T. Zavakos, Zoning and Legislative Counsel

Resource Personnel: Jennifer Floyd, Chief of Staff, Office of Council Member At-Large Hawkins

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
02/28/2023	County Council	presented and referred	PHED
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Hawkins and referred to the		

Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

03/16/2023 PHED Held in Committee

**Action Text:** 

A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Vice Chair Olson, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Ivey, Olson, Blegay, Dernoga and Oriadha

10/05/2023 PHED Held in Committee

**Action Text:** 

This Council Bill was Held in Committee

10/16/2023 PHED Favorably County Council

recommended

**Action Text:** 

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Ivey, Olson, Blegay and Dernoga

Absent: 1 Oriadha

10/17/2023 County Council rules suspended

#### **Action Text:**

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that the rules be suspended for this Council Bill. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 Hawkins, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey

and Franklin

Absent: 1 Harrison

Abstain: 1 Oriadha

10/17/2023 County Council introduced

**Action Text:** 

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Watson, Ivey,

Franklin and Fisher.

11/14/2023 County Council public hearing held

**Action Text:** 

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

11/14/2023 County Council postponed indefinitely

**Action Text:** 

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Council Bill be postponed indefinitely. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Hawkins, Harrison, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Oriadha and

Franklin

Absent: 2 Blegay and Ivey

Abstain: 1 Burroughs

#### **AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**

27-61002

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

This bill will add a new requirement in the design standards of the Zoning Ordinance for nonresidential and mixed-use development to prohibit the placement of freestanding "donation boxes" for collection of personal and household items for future collection, ostensibly for charitable purposes. The Council has been advised and observed that these temporary structures are not being monitored and emptied on a sufficiently reasonable basis. Consequently, the well-intentioned stream of citizen donations far exceeds container capacity, and result in accumulation of discarded items and other debris rendered refuse by exposure to the elements, creating a nuisance and contributing to blight in our communities.

**Document(s):** B2023025, CB-025-2023 Report, CB-025-2023 - ZHE Memo, CB-025-2023 OOL Comment, CB-025-2023 Planning Board Votes Letter, CB-025-2023 Planning Board Anaylsis.docx