

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2017 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-23-2017

Draft No.: 2

Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date: 06/8/2017

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT: Favorable with amendments 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Glaros, Harrison, Lehman, Taveras, and Turner)

CB-23-2017 seeks to amend the Prince George's County Code to clarify hotel and motel tax exemptions and tax refunds for long term renters as a result of ambiguity related to exemptions for consecutive days of occupancy.

The Office of Audits and Investigations revealed there was inconsistent application of the exemption from hotel and motel tax allowed for consecutive days of occupancy under the Prince George's County Code. CB-23-2017 provides clarification as the refunding of taxes paid for the first 89 days of room rental and after the 90th consecutive day of room rental.

The proposed Draft 2 of CB-23-2017 will allow for long term renters to be refunded their monies paid for taxes after the 90th day of rental.

Matt Nietzey, Director, Conference and Visitors Bureau, spoke in favor of the proposed legislation as it will allow clarity to the current situation.

The Office of Law finds CB-23-2017 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigations finds that enactment of CB-23-2017 may have a positive impact on the County, however, an estimate of the amount is unable to be determined without the complete review for financial records for all hotels and motels operating within the County.

After discussion the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee voted CB-23-2017 out favorably with amendments 5-0.