



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 10/23/2018

Effective Date: 12/31/2018

Reference No.: CB-054-2018

Chapter Number: 67

Draft No.: 2

Public Hearing Date: 10/23/2018 @ 10:00 a.m.

Proposer(s): Taveras

Sponsor(s): Taveras, Lehman, Glaros, Turner, Franklin and Davis

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES UNIT for the purpose of establishing an Environmental Crimes Unit; providing the purpose and intent of the Environmental Crimes Unit; defining certain terms; providing for the organization of the Environmental Crimes Unit; providing for a certain Memorandum of Understanding; providing for site assessment and prioritization; providing for operations; providing for education and outreach; providing for representation; providing for certain reporting; referencing the litter and illegal dumping laws of the County; and generally regarding litter, illegal dumping and enforcement.

Drafter: Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Sol Espinoza, Chief of Staff

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
07/24/2018	County Council	presented and referred	THE
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Taveras and referred to the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee		
09/13/2018	THE	Held in Committee	
	Action Text: This Council Bill was Held in Committee		
09/20/2018	THE	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Lehman, seconded by Council Member Franklin, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 3 Turner, Lehman and Franklin Absent: 2 Toles and Taveras		
09/25/2018	County Council	introduced	

Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Taveras, Lehman, Glaros, Turner, Franklin and Davis

10/23/2018 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

The public hearing was held for this Council Bill

10/23/2018 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Taveras, seconded by Council Member Lehman, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras, Toles and Turner

Absent: 1 Harrison

11/14/2018 County Executive signed

Action Text:

This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

13-279 13-278 13-277 13-276 13-275 13-274 13-273 13-272.01 13-272

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation establishes an Environmental Crimes Unit to be operated by Prince George’s County and the Prince George’s County Police Department. Operationally, the Environmental Crimes Unit is comprised of sworn Prince George’s County Police teamed with County counterparts. The Department of Public Works and Transportation is the lead agency for the County, collaborating with the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement and the Department of Environment. The mission of the Environmental Crimes Unit is to detect, apprehend, prosecute, and deter persons, owners, lessors, associations, corporations, organizations, and entities from engaging in conduct that harms the County’s physical environment. Further, the mission is to educate the community at large about environmental violation issues to make the County cleaner and improve the quality of life for the County’s residents and stakeholders.

Document(s): B2018054, CB-54-2018 Attachment A, CB-54-2018 AIS, CB-054-2018 Report