PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-028-2021

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: 4/20/2021

Action: Favorable (A)

REPORT: Favorable as amended, 11-0: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner.

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on March 30, 2021, and April 20, 2021, to consider CB-028-2021, an act concerning Grocery Trucks. As proposed, the bill would amend the definition of Mobile Vendors to include a not-for-profit organization providing mobile food options in targeted areas of Prince George's County and the license application requirements.

Upon initial review, it was determined that a Draft 2 of CB-028-2021 would be needed and should include amendments from the Department of Permitting, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE) and the Health Department. CB-028-2021 Draft 2 was presented to the Committee of the Whole on April 20, 2021.

Additional language has been included in the County Code relative to prepackaged grocery options to be sold from a motor vehicle, affiliated with a not-for-profit organization, providing mobile food options in the County's targeted areas. Mobile food options include but are not limited to dry goods, pantry staples, fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, proteins and prepacked and uncooked meats.

Ms. Terry Bell, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive, stated the County Executive is in support and thanked Council Member Turner for working with her and representatives from DPIE and the Health Department.

The Policy Analysis Group states the enactment of CB-028-2021 should not have a direct fiscal impact on the County. However, the indirect fiscal impact of supplying fresh and healthy food options to areas in need could promote overall health and assist with disease management.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted CB-028-2021, Draft 2 out favorable as amended, 11-0.