

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-061-2021

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 09/28/2021

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 9-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Ivey, Taveras and Turner)

The Prince George's County Council, convened as the Committee of the Whole Thursday, September 30, 2021, to consider CB-61-2021. This legislation was transmitted by the County Executive for the purpose of increasing civil fines imposed through an Administrative Citation issued under Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County") Code Subtitles 4- 116, 4-117 and 13-1133 for Building Code Violations. The fine increase from \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) to \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) brings the Administrative Citation fine amount in alignment with Civil Citation fines adjudicated before District Court.

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the Committee of written comments received on referral.

The Office of Audits and investigations found enactment of CB-61-2021 should require no additional expenditures. Revenue should increase as the fines are doubled from \$500 to \$1,000. Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement would best be able to provide the expected annual amount of any increase as they would have a firmer understanding of how many of the affected fines are imposed.

On a motion by Council Member Dernoga and second by Council Member Franklin, the Committee of the Whole voted CB-61-2021 out favorable, 9-0.