

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-064-2021

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: 10/07/2021

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 10-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Taveras, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey and Turner)

The Committee convened on September 30, 2021, and October 7, 2021 to discuss this legislation, which changes the requirement for the Waste Stream Analysis (WSA) that is conducted by the County's Department of the Environment (DOE) from every two (2) years to every three (3) years. The three-year period will coincide with the update of the County's Ten-Year Solid Waste Plan (TYSWP), as required by state law. DOE staff indicated that the coordination of the WSA and the TYSWP update will increase efficiency and reduce the cost of operations. The Policy Analysis & Fiscal Impact Statement prepared by the Council's Office of Audits & Investigations indicates each WSA costs approximately \$80,000. The change to the 3-year period will result in approximately \$160,000 in savings over a ten-year period.

The legislation was held in Committee on September 30th for purposes of strengthening the language regarding the WSA requirement. On October 7th, Draft 2 was presented with amended language to ensure the WSAs would be conducted and submitted to the Council prior to approval of any revision to the TYSWP. Marilyn Naumann, Lee Flick and Kevin Serrona participated in the discussions on behalf of DOE in support of the legislation. Written comments in support were provided by the Sierra Club. The Office of Law submitted comments indicating the legislation to be in proper form.

After the discussion on October 7, 2021, the Committee voted unanimously in favor of CB-64-2021 as amended.