



# CITY TAKOMA OF PARK MARYLAND

## **Support Senate Bill 820 - Municipalities – Enforcement of Ordinances and Resolutions**

### **Environment & Transportation Committee**

**April 1, 2025**

The City of Takoma Park supports and urges favorable consideration of SB 820, which would enable municipalities to increase, from \$1,000.00 to up to \$5,000.00, the maximum amount of a fine for a municipal infraction that may be imposed by a municipality to enforce their enacted ordinances and resolutions.

The City of Takoma Park manages certain permitting and code enforcement measures either directly or in cooperation with Montgomery County. Our goal is to make sure that residents comply with the City's laws, not revenue generation. SB 820 provides flexibility to increase maximum fines, which could be a helpful mechanism for our local government to increase compliance.

We appreciate having a wider range of options to determine local fines. The City does not use fines as a means for resolving infractions. So, it is critical that municipalities can exercise their judgment when establishing the fine amount.

We urge a favorable vote in Committee on SB 820. Thank you for your consideration.