

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2020 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-27-2020

Chapter No. 27

Proposed and Presented by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Streeter, Glaros, Davis, Hawkins, Ivey, Dernoga,
Harrison, Taveras and Anderson-Walker

Date of Introduction June 23, 2020

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Illegal Dumping of Bulky Items

3 For the purpose of amending provisions of the County Code regarding illegal dumping on private
4 and public property.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.

7 Section 13-265

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2015 Edition, 2019 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Section 13-265 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 **SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.**

14 **DIVISION 9. ANTLITTER AND WEED ORDINANCE.**

15 **Sec. 13-265 Accumulation or deposit of litter prohibited.**

16 (a) It shall be the duty of every person as owner, occupant, lessee, or agent in charge of
17 land lying within the unincorporated areas of the County, except as otherwise provided in
18 Section 13-262, to prevent litter, garbage, rubbish, and refuse from accumulating, either
19 temporarily or permanently, on such land. The owner of improved property which is used for
20 commercial or industrial purposes shall remove all garbage and rubbish from both the paved and
21 unpaved public areas and empty the receptacle into an approved container in accordance

1 with Section 13-234. This Section shall not apply to those activities otherwise allowable under
 2 Subtitle 21 of this Code and shall not apply to those persons who store litter in private
 3 receptacles for collection, or under controlled conditions for industrial processing, such as
 4 recycling.

5 (b) It is a violation of this Division for any person to deposit or place litter on any land
 6 lying within the County, including any public lands or rights of way. A person violating this
 7 subsection shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 13-271.

8 (c) (1) In addition to the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section and Section
 9 23-151 of the Code prohibiting litter in the public right of way, it is a violation of this Division
 10 for any person to dispose of a bulky item on public or private property unless the property is
 11 designated by the State, a unit of the State, or a political subdivision of the State for the disposal
 12 of bulky items and the person is authorized by the proper public authority to use the property.

13 (2) “Bulky item” means any discarded furniture, home or industrial appliance, or
 14 abandoned vehicle or part of an abandoned vehicle not designated for disposal purposes under
 15 the laws of Prince George’s county. “Bulky item” does not include discarding, dropping, or
 16 scattering of small quantities of waste matter ordinarily carried on or about the person, including
 17 beverage containers and closures, packaging, wrappers, wastepaper, newspapers, magazines, and
 18 waste matter that escapes or is allowed to escape from a container, receptacle, or package.

19 (3) A person who disposes of a bulky item in violation of this paragraph is guilty of a
 20 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or a fine not
 21 exceeding \$5,000 or both.

22 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
 23 days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Council Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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