

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2022 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-009-2022

Chapter No. 7

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

Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Streeter, Taveras, Turner, Glaros, Hawkins,
Franklin, Ivey, and Harrison

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction March 29, 2022

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Nuisance Abatement Board

3 For the purpose of increasing the fine amounts for nuisance violations.

4 BY reenacting with amendments:

5 SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

6 Section 14-174

7 The Prince George's County Code

8 (2019 Edition, 2021 Supplement).

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
10 Maryland, that Section 14-174 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
11 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

12 SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

13 DIVISION 14. NUISANCES.

14 **Sec.14-174. Violation or destruction of order, other enforcement.**

- 15 (a) Any person who destroys, removes, or defaces an order posted by the Board is
16 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than [\$500.00] One
17 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or
18 both.
- 19 (b) Any person who intentionally disobeys any proper order issued by the Board or
20 who uses or occupies or permits any other person to use or occupy any premises

ordered closed is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 180 days, or both.

(c) Each day a violation of Subsection (b) continues is a separate offense.

(d) In addition to any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement procedure, this Division may be enforced by issuance of a civil citation pursuant to Subtitle 28, Division 3 of the County Code.

(e) The civil monetary fine for each civil violation of this Division shall be [Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)] One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a first violation and One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a second and any subsequent violation.

(f) The Police Department shall be authorized to issue a criminal citation in lieu of the issuance of a civil citation pursuant to Subtitle 28, Division 3 of this Code.

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 26th day of April, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
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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