Office of the County Auditor Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 6-2021

Introduced: January 4, 2021 Auditor: Michelle R. Harrod

Fiscal Impact:

According to the Administration, the fiscal impact of this legislation is approximately \$1,000 annually for education and outreach.

No additional costs, resources, or revenues are expected from this legislation. The Administration has indicated the following:

- Training, education, and outreach would be conducted using existing resources;
- Howard County does not collect from commercial buildings; and
- Costs to modify the County Recycling Plan will be absorbed by existing staff.

There will be no general fund revenue used to pay the expenditures associated with this bill. Revenue collected in the Environmental Services Fund will be utilized.

Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is to amend the County Code to establish changes required by the passage of Senate Bill 370. This Senate bill requires Counties to submit an Office Building Recycling Plan (Plan) for buildings that are 150,000 gross square feet or greater. Plan stipulations include:

- Accounting for the collection and recycling of recyclable materials;
- Provision of recycling receptacles by the owner of the office building;
- Removal of recyclables, to be managed by the owner;
- Compliance with the requirements of the Plan; and
- Authorizing the County to inspect and enforce the Plan.

Civil penalties for violating the Plan stipulations are proposed as Class E Offenses, which carry a fine of \$25 to \$50 per occurrence.

The owner or tenant shall report to the County on the recycling activities noted in the Plan.

Other Comments:

Companion legislation is Council Resolution 10-2021, which proposes the Office Building Recycling Plan. This Plan must be adopted by October 1, 2021 and submitted to the Secretary of the Environment.

According to the Administration, there are currently eight buildings which are affected by this legislation. The location of those buildings is listed in **Exhibit 1** below.

Exhibit 2 (attached) is the most recent Annual Business Recycling Report Survey. The Administration has indicated that the information is reported in tons and that 2018 is the most recent verified report.

The Administration further indicated that this legislation would make it a requirement for businesses to report their recycling efforts, which should provide a more accurate indication of the County's recycling efforts.

Exhibit 1 – Howard County Buildings over 150,000 Square Feet

| Property Address | City | Property Manager | Combined Sq. Ft. | | | | |
|--|----------|---------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 6841 Benjamin Franklin Dr. (Franklin Center) | Columbia | Trans Western Real Estate | 200,603 | | | | |
| 7031 Columbia Gateway Dr. | Columbia | Avison Young | 247,624 | | | | |
| 6460 Dobbin Rd. | Columbia | NAI KInb | 160,200 | | | | |
| 10661 Gramercy Pl. (70 Corporate Center) | Columbia | NAI KInb | 168,647 | | | | |
| 10175 Little Patuxent Parkway | Columbia | Mackenzie | 301,851 | | | | |
| 6100 Merriweather Dr. | Columbia | Howard Hughes | 325,600 | | | | |
| 6011, 6021, 6031 University Parkway | Elkridge | Merritt Properties | 163,900 | | | | |
| 8110-8170 Maple Lawn Blvd. | Fulton | St. John Properties | 258,299 | | | | |

Table provided by Department of Public Works. It has indicated this list may change as properties are constructed and leased.

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|------------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|------------|------|-------|------------------------|------|--------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|----------|-------|---|--------|--------|------|----------|------------|
| Nova Services | | | | | | - | | | | | | | | | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Ocean City Brewing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | - | | | | | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Patriot Environmental, LLC | | | | | | | | | - | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Pepsi | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | - | | | - | | | | | 0.00 |
| Potomac German | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | - | | | | | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Proshred | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Reconserve of MD/Dext | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,241.52 | 1.443.99 |
| Republic National Distributing Co. | | | | 184.48 | 3.17 | | | | | | | 14.82 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1,241.52 | 44.00 |
| Ritchie Land Reclamation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 44.00 | | | _ | | | | | - | | | | | |
| RLO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6,345.81 | | | | | | | | | | | 6,345.81 |
| Ross Dept. Store | | | | 72.74 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | - | | 72.74 |
| Safety-Kleen Systems Inc. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Safeway | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Shred-it | | 1,064.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,064.00 |
| Soil Safe, Inc. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | _ | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Staples | | | | 11.60 | 7.60 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7.00 | | | | | | | 12.50 | 38.70 |
| State Agencies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Sun Belle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | 0.00 |
| Supervalu | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Sysco Food Services | | 1.90 | | 122.95 | | | | | 23.05 | | | 30.78 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 178.68 |
| Target | | 1.00 | | 572.60 | 19.45 | 2.8 | | | | | | | 8.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 602.85 |
| Taylor Farms MD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8,971.00 | | | | | | | | | 206.00 | 9,177.00 |
| Trex | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Turf Valley | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 72.00 | | | | | | | | | | 72.00 |
| Turnkey Enterprises | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 17.53 | | | | | | 17.53 |
| United Iron and Metal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| University of Maryland Farm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ###### | | | | | | | | | 1,030.00 |
| U.S. Recycling Group | | | | | | | | | 8,320.00 | | | | 40.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 120.00 | | | | 8,480.00 |
| Valley Protein | | | | | | | | | -, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 343.86 | | | | | 343.86 |
| Valleywood Pallets | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | | 217.25 | | 2.05 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 219.30 |
| Vangel | - | 171.34 | | 2.00 | | | | | | 18.93 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10.95 | | | | | | | | 201.22 |
| Verizon | | 17 (.34 | | | | | | | | 10.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | A | | | 0.00 |
| Volvo | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Wal-Mart | | | | 750 44 | | | | | | | | 19.26 | | | | | | | | | | | 134.67 | | 0.36 | | | 0.19 | | | | | 912.62 |
| Wegmans | | | 4 47 | 758.14 | | | | | | | | 1.94 | | | 0.60 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 169.82 | 378.54 |
| Whole Foods | - | | 1.47 | 204.71 | 00.000.00 | 400 | 575.00 | 5,893.00 | | | | 1.54 | 893.00 1,492. | 708 00 | | | 661 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 35,200.00 |
| WM/KK | | 0.045-75 | F06 | 775.00 | 23,803.00 | 400 | | | 026467 | 207.65 | 0.00 | 235 57 | 1,302.77 1,492. | | | 0.00 | NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY. | 0.49 | 208.00 | 5,159.90 | 5,005.00 | 13,856.16 | 73,066.87 | ###### | 34.29 | 2,685.72 | 18.10 | 679.36 | 120.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,564.48 | 184,739.01 |
| Commercial Total | 175.50 | 2,318.79 | 586.55 | 22,726.98 | 31,749.27 | 403.63 | 575 | 5,893.00 | 8364.67 | 297,65 | 0.00 | 235.57 | 1,302.77 1,492. | 725.00 | 2.00 | 0.00 | 001.00 | 0.48 | 200.00 | 0,100.00 | Cicarac | | | | | | | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 | | | | | |
| Curbside Recycling | 0,00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 17,466.14 | 321.82 | 497.36 | 0.00 | 4,534.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 1,199. | 51 585.00 | 0.00 | 0,00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8,921.66 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 33,526.25 |
| ARLF Recycling | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 390.29 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11.02 | 2,117.17 | 0.00 | 0,00 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 91.31 | 206.57 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 14,823.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | ###### | 639.49 | 263.34 | 29.22 | 0.00 | 16.01 | 115.88 | 6.77 | 0.00 | 19,880.34 |
| Residential Total (Curb + ARLF) | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 390.29 | 17,466.14 | | 497.36 | 0.00 | 4,534.76 | 11.02 | 2,117.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 1,199. | 51 585.00 | 0.00 | 91.31 | 206.57 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 14,823.00 | 8,921.66 | 0.00 | 0.00 | ###### | | T | 29.22 | 0.00 | 16.01 | 115.88 | | 0.00 | 53,406.59 |
| Commercial and Residential | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,302.77 2,691. | 51 1,310.6 | 2.66 | 91.31 | 867.57 | 0.49 | 208.00 | 19,982.90 | 13,926.66 | 13,856.16 | 73,066.87 | ###### | 673.78 | 2,949.06 | 47.32 | 679.36 | 136.01 | 115.88 | 6.77 | 4,564.48 | 238,145.60 |
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