# Office of the County Auditor Auditor's Analysis

### Council Resolution No. 10-2021

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. It has indicated costs for inspection will be handled by existing staff.

No significant 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 change the County Recycling Plan as 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. According to requirements of the Plan, building owners must:

- Provide a recycling plan to the County by May 1, 2021;
- Provide an annual report to the County by March 31 of each year;
- Provide recycling receptacles for the collection and recycling of plastics, metal, cardboard, and paper;
- Arrange for removal of the collected recyclables;
- Comply with the Office Building Recycling Plan; and
- Allow County access for the inspection and enforcement of the Plan.

## Other Comments:

Companion legislation is Council Bill 6-2021, which includes changes to the County Code required by the passage of Senate Bill 370. It also requires the adoption of this Plan by October 1, 2021 and submission of the Plan 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 effort, 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 Klnb                  | 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.

|                                    |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          | T         |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         | T         | NICK STREET, S |           |           |        |   |   | T     |        |        |        |      |          | 0.00         |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--|--|----------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|------------------|----------|------|-------|---|------|---------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|--------|---|---|-------|--------|--------|--------|------|----------|--------------|
| 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      |      | 1,241.52 | 44.00        |
| Ritchie Land Reclamation           |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         | 44.00     |  |           | -         |        |   |   |       |        |        |        | -    |          | 6,345.81     |
| RLO                                |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          | -    |       |   |      |         |           |  | 6,345.81  | -         |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 72.74        |
| Ross Dept. Store                   |        |          |        | 72.74     |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 276 -270 200 |
| Safety-Kleen Systems Inc.          |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 0.00         |
| Safeway                            |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         | -         |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 0.00         |
| Shred-it                           |        | 1,064.00 |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 1,064.00     |
| Soil Safe, Inc.                    |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        | Secretaria de la composición dela composición de la composición de la composición dela composición dela composición dela composición dela composición de la composición de la composición dela composición |   |       |        |        | 2,000  |      |          | 0.00         |
| Staples                            |        |          |        | 11.60     | 7.60      |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        | 7.00  |   |       |        |        | -      |      | 12.50    | 38.70        |
| State Agencies                     |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           | -      |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 0.00         |
| Sun Belle                          |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      | -        | 0.00         |
| Supervalu                          |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 0.00         |
| Sysco Food Services                |        | 1.90     |        | 122.95    |           |  |  |          | 23.05     |        |          | 30.78  |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 178.68       |
| Target                             |        |          |        | 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<br>Verizon                  |        | 171.34   |        | 2.00      |           |  |  |          |           | 18.93  |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        | 10.95   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 201.22       |
| Volvo                              |        | 17 (.04  |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 0.00         |
| Wal-Mart                           |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 0.00         |
|                                    |        |          |        | 758.14    |           |  |  | -        |           |        |          | 19.26  |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           | 134.67    |        | 0.36  |   |       | 0.19   |        |        |      |          | 912.62       |
| Wegmans                            |        |          | 1.47   | 204.71    |           |  |  |          |           |        |          | 1.94   |                  |          | 0.60 |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      | 169.82   | 378.54       |
| Whole Foods                        |        |          | 1.47   |           | 22 002 00 | 400  | 575.00   | 5.893.00 |           |        |          | 1.04   | 893.00 1,492.0   | 0 708.00 | 0.00 |       | 661   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          | 35,200.00    |
| WM/KK                              | 4      | 0.040.75 | 500.55 | 775.00    | 23,803.00 | OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT |  |          | 9364.67   | 207.65 | 0.00     | 235.57 | 1,302.77 1,492.0 |          | 266  | 0.00  | ASSESSED BY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE | 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 | 1,302.11 1,492.  | 0 725.00 | 2.00 | 0.00  | 001.00  | 0.43 | 2,00.00 | 0,100.00  | Cicarac  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          |              |
| 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.      | 1 585.00 | 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     | 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.      | 1 585.00 | 0.00 | 91.31 | 206.57  | 0.00 | 0.00    | 14,823.00 | 8,921.66   | 0.00      | 0.00      | ###### |   | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 | T     | 0.00   | 16.01  |        |      | 0.00     | 53,406.59    |
| Commercial and Residential         |        |          |        |           |           |  |  |          | 12,899.43 | 308.67 | 2,117.17 | 235.57 | 1,302.77 2,691.  | 1,310.60 | 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   |
|                                    |        |          |        | 1         |           |  | - Landerson - Land |          |           |        |          |        |                  |          |      |       |   |      |         |           |  |           |           |        |   |   |       |        |        |        |      |          |              |