
From: Kevin Inghram <kevinxb@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 1:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 52 and Council Resolution 116

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Hello

I am a resident of Long Reach voicing my support for the subject bill and resolution. Commercial vehicles parking for extended periods in residential areas is an ongoing issue in the village that I am happy to see the council taking action to address.

Thank you
Kevin Inghram
6416 Meadows Ln

From: Philip Rickey <phil.rick@live.com>
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Good evening,

I am a resident of Columbia in Long Reach voicing my support for council bill 52 and council resolution 116. Commercial vehicles parking for extended periods in residential areas is an ongoing issue in the village that I am happy to see the council taking action to address.

Thank you!

Philip Rickey
Columbia, MD 21045

From: snap@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 7:56 AM
To: Smith, Brenda; Anderson, Isaiah; Gelwicks, Colette; Respass, Charity
Subject: Case: CS0070173 – opened and unassigned

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Case

Short Description: Contact Howard County Council

Case Number: CS0070173

Case Opened: 06-16-2025

Constituent:

[VIEW CASE](#)

Summary:

Who would you like to contact?	District 3
Subject	CB52-2025 & CR116-2025
Message	<p>I would request a yes vote to increase fines for commercial vehicles parking on residential streets. For years, maybe 4-5 years, we have had 4-6 trucks park after 5pm until 8am the next day on Youngheart, where we need to turn to get into our cul-de-sac. In winter the trucks have snow pushers attached to the front, increasing their size. During the summer the trucks may have carts attached behind them for hauling debris, also extending their size. During the day, the workers' cars are left on Youngheart. Everyday traffic flow is affected, not to mention emergency vehicles. I have lived on this cul-de-sac for 47.5 years, so can see the difference in traffic flow. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
First name	Annilin
Last name	Fort

Email	annilinfo@gmail.com
Phone	410-707-7296
Street address	6334 WINDHARP WAY
City	Columbia
State	MD
Zip	21045

Details:

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Ref:MSG6305632

From: Aim Maryland Acupuncture <info@aimmaryland.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 8:24 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Daniel Medinger; Aura Abrams
Subject: Testimony regarding Howard County Council- District Two: Council Bill 52 and Council Resolution 116

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Dear Howard County Council,

Concerning Howard County Council- District Two: Council Bill 52 and Council Resolution 116:

In Loop.net, the real estate listing for our office building on Twin Knolls Road boasts
"Idyllic parklike setting close to Columbia town center. Very private with walk in entrances."

<https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/5405-Twin-Knolls-Rd-Columbia-MD/27487911/>

This used to be the feel of the drive into our office park, which is ideal for our medical office. However when multiple trucks are parked on the road leading to our office park, I find myself answering questions from multiple patients asking why the trucks are parked there. This is time that would be better spent addressing their medical concerns.

I also worry about my staff who ride their bikes to work. They have to ride around the trucks, sometimes in the dark. There are no sidewalks on Twin Knolls Road, and the road is not designed for bikes to have to ride around parked trucks.

Please find a new home for these trucks to stay. They are a nuisance and a hazard on Twin Knolls Road. They are negatively impacting my patients, my staff, and my business.

Thank You,

Kristin Huza

Dr. Kristin Huza, DAC, LAC
Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine of Maryland
www.AimMaryland.com
info@aimmaryland.com

From: snap@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 2:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Legislation to Increase Commercial Parking Fines in Residential Areas

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Name: Matthew

Address: Kulesza

From: Amanda Eveler <aeeveler@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 5:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: covenants@owenbrownvillage.org
Subject: Proposed Bill 52 and Council Resolution 116

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of Proposed Bill 52 and Council Resolution 116, which increase the citation schedule of fines and penalties for commercial vehicles parked in residential areas.

I live on the cul de sac Rising Moon in the Owen Brown Village of Columbia. This cul de sac intersects with the residential street Youngheart Lane. One of our neighbors on the cul de sac owns his own lawn care, snow removal, and contractor business.

Since we purchased our property in 2020, this neighbor's business has grown. Originally he had one heavy duty pickup truck and a small towed trailer. As of this year, he has four or five heavy duty pickup trucks, each with a large towed trailer, one light duty pickup truck with a signal light, one large dump truck, and two large detachable snow plows. He owns numerous riding lawn mowers, push mowers, other power equipment, and hand tools, which he stores on the trailers and in his yard.

At one time, he had a large, inoperable box trailer that he kept parked on the curb in front of his house, which he used as a storage shed for his equipment and tools. The inoperable trailer sat parked on the curb for approximately a year and a half. Emergency vehicles and other large vehicles could not drive through the cul de sac because the trailer blocked through-traffic. It took our HOA a year of contacting authorities before the owner finally had to remove the trailer.

His heavy duty trucks have the trailers hitched to them at all times during the warmer months, and he keeps them parked on our cul de sac and Youngheart Lane. When the trucks/trailers are parked on the cul de sac, large vehicles, such as emergency vehicles, cannot drive around the cul de sac.

When he and his workers park the trucks/trailers on Youngheart Lane, they block the line of sight for drivers pulling off the cul de sac onto Youngheart, and also block the visibility of these emerging cars from drivers traveling on Youngheart. Parking his trucks and trailers on Youngheart, which is where he primarily parks them when not in use, creates a very dangerous situation for anyone living on Rising Moon or who drives on Youngheart past Rising Moon. Cars could easily have a head-on collision due to the blocked line of sight, especially if motorists speed through the neighborhood, which often happens.

There are mostly families with children, including several small children, living on Rising Moon (including the neighbor who has the business). The children frequently play outside, and ride bikes and scooters in the neighborhood. My biggest concern is that a car will hit a child because the large trucks block drivers' visibility. Residents on Rising Moon are aware that children could be playing and slow down. People who do not live on the cul de sac would not be aware. Tragedies like a child being hit and/or killed by a vehicle destroy families, both for the victim and motorist. But they are entirely avoidable in this situation if the business owner would find a suitable commercial or mixed-use location to store and stage his trucks, trailers, and other equipment.

Besides the safety concerns inherent in this situation, the constant presence of commercial vehicles on and next to our cul de sac is a direct violation of our neighborhood's residential zoning. The commercial vehicles are a constant eye sore. With them comes periods of loud, persistent noise at all hours of day and night when the business owner and his employees let the vehicles and power equipment idle, wash them with large gas-powered power washers, and fix and maintain them using loud, professional-grade power tools. Other neighbors have complained that such noise wakes up their young children from naps or in the middle of the night. Besides the noise, when returning late at night, it is not uncommon for the trucks to sit idle for a long period of time with the headlights shining directly into our house. The presence of so many commercial vehicles for this one business has destroyed the residential nature of our neighborhood, making it an unpleasant place to live, and lowering property values.

Since we have been dealing with this situation, I have been studying our HOA's covenants and the County Code to understand what might be done to resolve this issue. The HOA has no legal power over parking, street signage, or motor vehicle enforcement. All they can do is ask the business owner to stop, which he refuses to do. I attempted to discuss one issue with him in person, hoping to resolve the matter amicably, but he became extremely angry and belligerent, so unfortunately his neighbors cannot reason with him. I believe that passing Bill 52 will give the County an enforcement tool with enough "bite" that it will force commercial vehicle owners to do the right thing for the safety of their neighborhood. Unfortunately, some people do not care about treating their neighbors with respect and common decency, and only the threat of large fines or impounding their vehicles will be enough of an incentive to do the right thing.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our situation. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Regards,
Amanda E. Eveler
6363 Rising Moon, Columbia, MD 21045
717-818-0333

From: snap@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Legislation to Increase Commercial Parking Fines in Residential Areas

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Name: Amy Jo Dower

Address: 5169 Phantom Court

From: snap@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 8:47 AM
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Name: Justin Chopack

Address: 6338 Windharp Way Columbia, MD 21045

From: snap@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 7:04 AM
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Name: Pam Remetta Chopack

Address: 6338 Windharp Way

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Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:10 PM
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Name: Sarah Uphouse

Address: 5153 phantom Court Columbia Md 21045

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Name: James Chopack

Address: 6085 Watch Chain Way, Columbia, MD 21044

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Name: Richard Remetta

Address: 7101 Black Rock Ct Columbia MD 21046

From: snap@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 7:59 AM
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Name: Virginia Remetta

Address: 7101 Black Rock Court, Columbia

From: Brigitta Warren manager@oaklandmills.org <manager@oaklandmills.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony Regarding Council Bill 52 and Council Resolution 116 - Commercial Parking Fines
Attachments: Council Bill 52-2025 and Council Resolution 116-2025-Commercial Parking Fines Final.pdf

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Hello County Council Members.

Please find attached testimony from the Oakland Mills Community Association Board of Directors in support of Council Bill 52 and Council Resolution 116.

Thank you,

Brigitta Warren

Events and Facility Coordinator

Oakland Mills Community Association

at The Other Barn

events@oaklandmills.org; 410-730-4610; FAX 410-730-4620

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June 25, 2025

Howard County Council
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

To the Members of the Howard County Council,

The Oakland Mills Board of Directors supports Council Bill 52-2025 and Council Resolution 116-2025 and asks the members of the County Council to approve Council Bill 52-2025 and Council Resolution 116-2025.

“The proposed resolution will introduce a tiered schedule in accordance with Section 21.232 of the County Code, which prohibits commercial motor vehicles from parking in residential areas for more than six continuous hours.

The proposed tiered schedule begins at \$250 for the first violation, \$500 for the second, and \$750 for the third and any subsequent violations.”

The Oakland Mills Village Board would also request that there be additional publicity, should it pass, to ensure both the public and the police are aware of enforcement procedures. It has been our experience that it is difficult to get the current fines enforced, even if they are not much of a detriment. It would be our recommendation for citations to be issued for the first month while people learn of the legislation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan L. Edelson, Chair
Oakland Mills Board of Directors

From: Ilana Sambuco-Paul <ilanasp@owenbrownvillage.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 12:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Council Bill 52-2025 and Council Resolution 116-2025
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Dear Howard County Council Members,

Please find attached a letter of support from the Owen Brown Community Association Board.

Sincerely,

-Ilana

Ilana Sambuco-Paul
Village Manager
410.381.0202
Owen Brown Community Association, Inc.
www.owenbrownvillage.org



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July 2, 2025

Howard County Council Members:

Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby, Deb Jung, David Yungmann

RE: Support for Council Bill 52-2025 and Council Resolution 116-2025

Dear Howard County Council Members,

On behalf of the Owen Brown Village Community Association's Board of Directors, we are writing to express our support for Council Bill 52-2025 and Council Resolution 116-2025, which aim to increase fines for commercial motor vehicles parked in residential areas.

Nestled between Snowden River Parkway and Broken Land Parkway, our village understands very well that Howard County's location between I-70 and I-95 has led to an increase in unwanted commercial motor vehicle parking in our residential neighborhoods. This creates significant safety concerns for our residents. We frequently observe how these large vehicles obstruct visibility, limit access, and create potential hazards for families and children, echoing the concerns raised by the Howard County Police Department regarding traffic and roadway safety.

The current fine of \$33 for such violations is the lowest in the state and clearly insufficient to deter this behavior. The proposed tiered fine schedule—\$250 for the first violation, \$500 for the second, and \$750 for subsequent violations—is a good step towards deterring these practices. From Rising Moon to Rustling Leaf, Owen Brown residents have repeatedly experienced frustration and concern with commercial vehicles parked in our streets for extended periods of time. Expanding the definition of what falls into the category of commercial vehicles and consistent enforcement of this expanded definition is necessary, and we appreciate this legislation's effort to do just that.

We commend your commitment to keeping our neighborhoods safe and livable. We also appreciate that the Howard County Police Department will conduct an outreach and awareness campaign to inform residents and commercial motor vehicle operators of the increased tiered schedule once the legislation is enacted.

We urge the County Council to pass Council Bill 52 and Council Resolution 116. This legislation will improve the welfare of our community, ensuring that our roadways are passable, provide appropriate visibility, and are safe for all residents.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors
Owen Brown Village Community Association

From: snap@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Saturday, July 5, 2025 3:11 PM
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Name: Amanda Marie Boyle

Address: 6326 Windharp Way, Columbia, MD 21045

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Name: Barbara Scott

Address: 5143 Columbia Road, Columbia , Maryland , 21044, US

From: snap@howardcountymd.gov
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Name: Q Smith-Green

Address: 6377 Barefoot Boy

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Name: Robert Boyle

Address: 6326 WINDHARP WAY COLUMBIA, MD 21045

From: snap@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Sunday, July 6, 2025 5:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
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