



FREDERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Local Government Fiscal Estimate of Legislation

CONTACT INFORMATION AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Bill Number/Reference:	17-09
Bill Title:	Dog Tethering Law
Local Government Agency:	Divisions of Finance and Animal Control
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Date Submitted:	

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Please respond to the questions below. If you prefer to provide responses or additional information in a separate file or document, send the file or document in a separate e-mail to rcherney@frederickcountymd.gov with the bill number/reference in the subject line.																							
1.	Describe the impact of this proposed legislation on your agency (operations, revenues, expenditures, etc). If there is no impact, <u>please explain why.</u>																						
This bill would amend the County Code by reducing the number of hours a dog may be fastened, chained, tied or restrained to any stationary or inanimate object for the purpose of confinement from ten to four hours, cumulatively in any 24-hour period. Reducing the time a dog is allowed to be tethered should make it easier for the Animal Control Division to enforce and perhaps increase the number of calls for service. County staff believe the increase in citation fees should offset any increase in personnel costs and the costs associated with the impoundment of the animals.																							
2.	Please indicate whether the proposed legislation will affect small businesses in Frederick County, and if it will, please provide any information you may have which could be useful in determining the economic impact on small businesses.																						
This bill should have no impact on small businesses.																							
FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY – SHOW (DECREASE) IN PARENTHESES																							
<u>REVENUES</u>																							
3.	Analysis of estimated increase (or decrease) in government revenues. Please estimate below any anticipated increase (or decrease) in revenues resulting from this legislation. Please be aware of any delayed effective dates in the bill or other factors that may cause revenue increases/decreases to begin in later years.																						
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Please explain how the above estimated increase(s) or decrease(s) were arrived at, including any calculations and/or assumptions made. Please also explain any variation if the revenue increase(s)/decrease(s) are not constant.																							

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<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
4.	Analysis of estimated increase (or decrease) in government expenditures. Please estimate below any anticipated increase (or decrease) in expenditures resulting from this legislation. Please be aware of any delayed effective dates in the bill or other factors that may cause expenditure increases/decreases to begin in later years.					
<u>A. Salaries & Wages</u>		<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>
FTE Employees - _____ # of positions Fringe Benefits N/A- It is difficult to estimate the annual increase in personnel expenditures associated with this legislation due to the inability to estimate the increase in the number of calls Animal Control will receive. County staff believe the increase in citation fees should offset any increase in personnel expenditures associated with this legislation.						
TOTAL (Salaries, wages & benefits)		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		Please provide an explanation of the need for the number and type of any personnel listed above, including (1) what specific provision(s) of the bill necessitate additional staff; (2) what the duties of each type employee will be; and (3) why existing personnel cannot absorb the additional work. Please also certify the wage/salary rate and % fringe rate (if differing rates apply) for each personnel classification.				
<u>B. Other Operating Expenses</u>		<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>
Technical/Special Fees, Grants/Subsidies Communications-Phone, Postage Travel, Food, Auto, Fuel & Utilities Contractual Services Supplies Equipment-Replacement Equipment-Additional Land & Structures, Fixed Charges Other (Please Specify on Extra Page(s))						
TOTAL (Expenditures)		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		On the next page, please provide brief descriptions/breakdowns of the above "Other Operating Expenses."				
		Please explain below any additional calculations or assumptions made in estimating the "Other Operating Expenses" that will help us to understand the amounts and timing of the expenses.				

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C. Operating Expense Descriptions/Breakdowns

Please provide below a short description of the specific purpose of each expense listed under 4B. If any amount(s) listed under 4B represent(s) a total of multiple expenses, provide a breakdown of the fiscal 2016 amount with a short description of each expense (for example, if \$2,500 is listed for Communications – Phone, Postage, a statement such as “\$1,500 for cellphone charges for two new inspectors and \$1,000 for postage for mailings to permittees to notify them of changes to inspection requirements.”)

Fiscal 2017 Expenditures

Technical/Special Fees, Grants & Subsidies description/breakdown	\$
Communications – Phone, Postage description/breakdown	\$
Travel, Food, Auto Operations, Fuel & Utilities description/breakdown	\$
Contractual Services description/breakdown	\$
Supplies description/breakdown	\$
Equipment-Replacement description/breakdown	\$
Equipment-Additional description/breakdown	\$
Land & Structures, Fixed Charges description/breakdown	\$
Other (Please Specify) description/breakdown	\$

Please submit BY E-MAIL to: Ragen Cherney, Legislative Director/Chief of Staff
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