

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Council

FROM: ~~MM~~ Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney *A. Mihill*
Michael Faden, Senior Legislative Attorney

SUBJECT: **Introduction:** Bill 4-14, Streets and Roads – County Street Lights

Bill 4-14, Streets and Roads – County Street Lights, sponsored by Councilmembers Berliner, Floreen and Riemer, Council Vice President Leventhal, and Councilmembers Elrich, Andrews, and Navarro, is scheduled to be introduced on January 28, 2014. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 11, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Bill 4-14 would require any contract that the County enters into to maintain street lights to be with a company that specializes in LED lights. Many current street lights are outdated and inefficient, and LED lighting is more energy efficient and requires less maintenance.

Councilmember Berliner explained the purpose of this Bill in his January 14 memorandum describing his proposed energy/environmental package. See ©20 of Bill 2-14, Agenda Item 5A.

This packet contains:

Bill 4-14
Legislative Request Report

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Bill No. 4-14
Concerning: Street and Roads – County
Street Lights
Revised: 12/17/2013 Draft No. 1
Introduced: January 28, 2014
Expires: July 28, 2015
Enacted: _____
Executive: _____
Effective: _____
Sunset Date: None
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmembers Berliner, Floreen, and Riemer, Council Vice President Leventhal, and
Councilmembers Elrich, Andrews, and Navarro

AN ACT to:

- (1) require any contract that the County enters into for the maintenance of street lights to be with a company that specializes in LED lights; and
- (2) generally amend County law regarding streets and roads and environmental sustainability.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 49, Streets and Roads
Section 49-19A

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 49-19A is added as follows:**

2 **49-19A. Energy efficient street lights.**

3 (a) Definitions. In this Section, the following words have the meanings
4 indicated:

5 Director means the Director of the Department of Transportation.

6 Light-emitting diode light or LED light means a semiconductor device
7 that produces visible light when an electrical current is passed through
8 it.

9 (b) When any contract to maintain street lights owned by the County in
10 effect on January 21, 2014, expires, any later maintenance contract
11 must be with a company that specializes in, and commits to install,
12 LED lights or another energy efficient technology that the Director
13 finds is equivalent or superior to LED lights.

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18 Craig L. Rice, President, County Council

Date

19 *Approved:*

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22 Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

23 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 4-14

Streets and Roads – County Street Lights

DESCRIPTION: Would require any County contract to maintain street lights to be with a company that specializes in LED lights.

PROBLEM: Many current street lights are outdated and inefficient. LED lighting is far more energy efficient and requires far less maintenance.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: To upgrade the efficiency and life span of County street lights through contracting requirements.

COORDINATION: Department of Transportation, Department of General Services

FISCAL IMPACT: To be requested.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: To be requested.

EVALUATION: To be requested.

EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE: To be researched.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Amanda Mihill, 240-777-7815

APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES: To be researched.

PENALTIES: Not applicable.

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