

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-84-2015

Draft No.: 2

Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: October 07, 2015

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Davis, Glaros, Taveras and Toles)

Council staff gave an overview of the legislation. CB-84-2015 amends the Building Code concerning building and grading permits for projects enrolled in the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement's (DPIE) Peer Review Program. Council Chairman Franklin informed the committee that the legislation codifies the procedure that DPIE follows. The Peer Review Program lightens the burden on permit review staff and streamlines the process for economic development projects in the County.

The committee reviewed a Proposed Draft 2 (DR-2). The amendments in Proposed DR-2 include changing the 21 calendar day goal to a 15 business day goal for issuance of building and grading permits for Peer Review projects. Proposed DR-2 also lists the agencies with responsibility relating to the approval of the permits for projects enrolled in the Peer Review Program. Additionally, Proposed DR-2 clarifies what is included in the 15 business day time frame review cycle.

Nathaniel Tutt, representing the County Executive, informed the committee of the Administration's opposition to CB-84-2015 because the bill codifies best efforts for agencies that are not within County governance.

James Estep and Harold Johnson testified in support of the legislation. The committee voted favorable including the amendments in Proposed DR-2.