

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 7/29/97

**Reference No.:** CB-61-1997

**Proposer:** Maloney

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Maloney

**Item Title:** An Ordinance allowing oral argument in those zoning cases which the District Council elects to review, and in zoning cases in which an appeal or exceptions are not filed and the Council must make the final decision

**Drafter:** Joyce B. Nichols  
Principal Counsel to the  
District Council

**Resource Personnel:** Andy Eppelmann  
Legislative Aide

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 5/13/97

**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ \_\_

**Committee Referral:**(1) 5/13/97 PZED

**Effective Date:** 9/15/97

**Committee Action:**(1) 6/16/97 FAV

**Date Introduced:** 7/1/97

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) 7/29/97 1:30 P.M.

**Council Action:** (1) 7/29/97 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** DB:AB, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

(7/29/97 - Amended on the floor)

**PLANNING, ZONING & ECON. DEV. COMMITTEE REPORT**

DATE: 6/16/97

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Del Giudice, Maloney and Wilson).

Council Member Maloney, the bill's sponsor, gave an overview of the legislation indicating that the intent of the bill is to address an oversight in the Zoning Ordinance concerning oral argument for zoning cases.

Joyce Nichols, Principal Counsel to the District Council, indicated that the Ordinance provides that the District Council hear oral argument for Planning Board cases which the Council elects to make the final decision. However, the Council does not always have a right to hear oral argument in Zoning Hearing Examiner cases. CB-61-1997 corrects this inconsistency.

The Planning Board supports this legislation. The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law find the bill to be in proper legislative form.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

This legislation would correct an oversight which permits the District Council to hear oral argument when it elects to make the final decision on Planning Board cases, but does not provide the opportunity for the Council to hear oral argument when it elects to make the final decision on zoning cases.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**