



City of Bowie

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February 5, 2019

The Honorable Dannielle M. Glaros, Chair
Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

RE: CB-1-2019 (Municipal Legislative Authority - Fences)


Dear Chair Glaros:

The Bowie City Council has reviewed CB-1-2019, a legislative bill sponsored by County Council Chair Todd Turner to allow a municipal legislative body to enact local ordinances authorizing the erection of fences that exceed the height limitations otherwise prescribed by law. This bill will implement the provisions of Chapter 129, 2018 Laws of Maryland, as enacted during the 2018 Regular Session of the Maryland General Assembly. Effective from October 1, 2018, Chapter 129 (HB 410; PG/MC 108-18) authorizes a municipal legislative body in Prince George's County to enact certain local ordinances regulating fence heights in the municipality that are less strict than otherwise prescribed by State, Regional, or County law.

During the 2018 Session, the Bowie City Council and the County's elected officials worked successfully to gain, for Prince George's County, the ability to allow municipalities to have fence height regulations that are less restrictive than otherwise required. The City is anxious to submit its own ordinance to the District Council for approval in early 2019. Therefore, the City Council urges your FAVORABLE vote on CB-1-2019, with one technical correction deleting from Line 11 the words "in a revitalization overlay zone", which we believe is misplaced language in the original text.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the City's recommendation.

Sincerely,


Bowie City Council
G. Frederick Robinson
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Todd M. Turner