

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-041-2025

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** PLANNING, HOUSING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Date:** 5/15/2025

**Action:** FAVORABLE WITH  
AMENDMENTS

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**REPORT:** Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Oriadha, Hawkins, and Olson)

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee met on May 15, 2025, to consider CB-041-2025. PHED Committee Chair Dernoga summarized the purpose of the legislation. As presented on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Draft-1 of the bill is for the purpose of repealing Section 27-61603(b) Universal Design, The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland, as universal design implementation is required, absent an exemption or waiver, pursuant to Subtitle 4. Building, Division 6. Universal Design for Housing, Prince George's County Code, and generally regarding zoning and universal design for housing.

PHED Committee Chair Dernoga asked Council Member Ivey, the bill's sponsor, if she had any additional information to share. Council Member Ivey responded that everything had already been covered.

The City of Laurel's Director of Economic & Community Development submitted a letter supporting the legislation.

The Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner, Ms. Maurene McNeil, noted that since CB-041-2025 is set to eliminate the Universal Design requirements in the Zoning Ordinance and Universal Design regulations for the Building Code will not take effect until January 1, 2026, she requested that it also become effective on that same date.

The Planning Board voted to take no position on the legislation. The Planning Board finds that the proposed bill applies to new development without consideration of specific zones. Therefore, this legislation does not impact the uniformity for each class or kind of development throughout the zone or create different standards for a subset of properties within a zone. CB-041-2025 would affect all properties across all Prince George's County zoning areas.

Ms. Sakinda Skinner, the County Council Liaison to the County Executive's Office, expressed support for the legislation and thanked Ms. Lori Parris from the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, Ms. Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney, and John Sheridan from Council Member Ivey's Office.

Ms. Dinora Hernandez, with the Office of Law, found the legislation to be in proper legislative form and has no legal impediments to its enactment.

On motion of Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, the PHED Committee voted 4-0 in favor of CB-041-2025 with amendments.