

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2004 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-4-2004
Proposed by Council Member Dernoga
Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Knotts, Dean, Exum, Peters, Shapiro
and Harrington
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction January 13, 2004

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Private Schools in the R-R Zone

3 For the purpose of temporarily suspending certain requirements for the operation of a private
4 school in the R-R- Zone under certain circumstances.

5 WHEREAS, the Paint Branch Montessori School, formerly located in the Paint Branch
6 Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi, provides elementary education to approximately 70
7 children; and

8 WHEREAS, on December 9, 2003, a fire at the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
9 damaged or destroyed portions of the Church structure where the School was located:

10 WHEREAS, reconstruction and repair of the damaged and destroyed portions of the Church
11 structure will take several months to complete; and

12 WHEREAS, the Paint Branch Montessori School has identified a temporary location in an
13 existing structure at the Lutheran Church of Abiding Presence, 11310 Montgomery Road in
14 Beltsville that complies with the substantive requirements of the Building and Fire Codes and the
15 requirements of the Health Department that are applicable to occupancy by a private school; and

16 WHEREAS, the location of the Paint Branch Montessori School in the Lutheran Church of
17 Abiding Presence would be in conflict with the use requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and
18 with various requirements of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the exterior of the existing
19 Church structure and that such conflicts can not be adjudicated or resolved in sufficient time to
20 allow the School to continue its program of elementary education for the remainder of the current

1 academic year;

2 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the District Council to provide a temporary suspension of the
3 requirements of the Zoning Ordinance to meet the needs of the Paint Branch Montessori School
4 brought on by the unanticipated emergency that dislocated the school from its previous location.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
6 County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington
7 Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that, notwithstanding the requirement of
8 the Zoning Ordinance to the contrary, a private school may be located in an existing structure
9 without first obtaining a special exception for the use and without regard to requirements that
10 may arise from the operation of a private school relating to the exterior of the existing structure
11 such as parking and loading, landscaping, screening , buffering, signage, and other specific
12 requirements of the Zoning Ordinance that would require the alteration of the exterior of the
13 existing structure or parcel, subject to the following requirements;

14 1. The private school is located in an existing structure that is not in violation of the
15 Zoning Ordinance with respect to the existing primary use as a church;

16 2. The location of the private school is temporary in nature for a period not to exceed six
17 months;

18 3. The location of the private school in the existing structure is in conformance with
19 applicable County codes pertaining to safety and suitability for the operation of a private school;
20 and

21 4. The maximum number of students permitted is seventy;

22 5. No additional gross floor area may be added to the existing structure.

Adopted this 21st day of January, 2004.

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COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL
DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

BY: _____
Tony Knotts
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council