

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2016 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-002-2016

Draft No.: 2

Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 03/02/2016

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Franklin, Taveras and Toles)

Council staff summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the Committee of written referral comments that were received. Council Member Taveras, the bill's sponsor, indicated that she sponsored the legislation to provide flexibility in and expand storage opportunities for an existing U-Haul business in her district. The provisions of the legislation allow storage of "U-boxes" at this business location which has been in existence since 1980.

Michele LaRocca and Jim Lorimer, representing U-Haul, testified in support of CB-2-2016 (Draft-1). The Office of Law reviewed the bill and found it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

Council Member Toles informed the Committee of amendments contained in a Proposed Draft-2 (DR-2) of the bill. The Zoning and Legislative Counsel summarized the amendments in Proposed DR-2 which include additional regulations for consolidated storage in the I-1 Zone. In addition to the title change to properly reflect the amendments in the bill, a new subsection (D) was inserted at Section 27-475.04. Consolidated Storage, as follows:

D) A consolidated storage building in the I-1 Zone may be divided into a maximum of fifty (50) individual units and may not be less than 1,000 feet from another consolidated storage use in the I-1 Zone.

Council Member Toles requested the Committee's support of the amendments which are intended to address concerns with saturation of consolidated storage uses in her district.

Michele LaRocca commented on her concerns with the amendment and its effect on proposed consolidated storage businesses. Ms. La Rocca suggested the Committee consider additional provisions that address structure types for consolidated storage.

The Committee voted favorable including the amendments in Proposed DR-2.