

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2014 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-59-2014

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** **Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee**

**Date:** 09/23/2014

**Action:** FAV (A)

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Campos, Franklin, Harrison and Olson)

Staff presented a Proposed Draft-2B (DR-2B) prepared at the bill sponsor's request to address comments received during the legislative referral process. Proposed DR-2B amends the informational mailing section of the Zoning Ordinance (Sec. 27-125.01(a)) to require the applicant for a Detailed Site Plan, Specific Design Plan, or Special Exception application to send an informational mailing by first class mail to the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable. Prior drafts of CB-59-2014, Draft-1 and Draft-2, amended other sections of the Zoning Ordinance concerning referrals of applications (Sec. 27-284 and Sec. 27-527.01) and notice of applications (Sec. 27-125.04(c)), respectively.

Council Chair Franklin, the bill's sponsor, informed the committee that he sponsored this legislation as a result of responses to a request he submitted to the business community seeking recommendations to improve the business climate in the County. The Chairman commented that the Chamber Of Commerce had indicated that they are not currently engaged in the development review process, and this legislation is an effort to address the Chamber's comments.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-59-2014 and determined that the bill is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The Planning Board opposed DR-1 and DR-2 of the legislation and submitted written comments explaining their position; however, due to the timing of release of Draft-2B, the Board was unable to review and comment on the additional revisions. The Zoning Hearing Examiner submitted suggested amendments to Draft-2, and the suggested revisions were incorporated in Draft-2B.

David Harrington, President and CEO of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce, and Tom Farasy, Chairman of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, testified in support of the legislation.

The Committee voted favorable including the amendments in Draft-2B.