

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** 7/31/2001

**Reference No.:** CB-53-2001

**Proposer:** Scott

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Scott

**Item Title:** An Ordinance permitting riding stables in the R-R Zone without the requirement for a special exception under certain circumstances.

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**Drafter:** Jackie Brown, Director  
PZ&ED Committee

**Resource** Betsy Burian  
**Personnel:** Legislative Aide

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 6/19/2001

**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Committee Referral:** 6/19/2001 PZED

**Effective Date:** 10/29/2001

**Committee Action:** 7/25/2001 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 7/31/2001

**Public Hearing:** 9/11/2001 10:00 A.M.

**Council Action:** 9/11/2001 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** RVR:A, DB:A, JE:-, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEV. COM. REPORT**

DATE: 7/25/2001

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Shapiro, Wilson, Estep and Russell).

Committee staff explained that the purpose of this legislation is to allow an owner of property located along the WB&A Trail to board horses on his property without the need for a Special Exception as currently required in the R-R zone.

Council Member Scott informed the Committee that the former property owner boarded horses for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for several years and the new owner would like to continue the use with assurance that it is permitted without the need for him to obtain a Special Exception.

The Planning Board supports the legislation with a suggested amendment to provide more restrictive language. The Board provided comments suggesting additional language that would prevent a property owner from acquiring an excessive amount of horses, erecting numerous stables or making other similar changes that would not be compatible with surrounding residential areas.

The County Executive supports the legislation. The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law find the bill to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations determined there should be no negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-53-2001.

The Committee discussed amending the legislation to further limit the location of riding stables in the R-R Zone without the requirement for a Special Exception on property that meets the criteria in the bill. The Committee voted to amend Footnote 67 on page 2 to include the following language after “provided the use”: “was existing as of July 1, 2001”.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

Riding stables are permitted by Special Exception in the R-R Zone. This legislation amends the Zoning Ordinance to allow riding stables by right in the R-R Zone under certain circumstances.

#### **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**