

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

**Meeting Date:** 5/12/98

**Reference No.:** CB-65-1998

**Proposer:** Russell

**Draft No.:** 1

**Sponsors:** Russell

**Item Title:** Subdivision Bill exempting the development of an addition to an existing school facility from the requirement for approval of a preliminary plat of subdivision

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

**Resource Personnel:** Shawn Grayson  
Legislative Aide

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:**        \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Executive Action:** 6/26/98    S

**Committee Referral:** 4/28/98    PZED

**Effective Date:** 7/27/98

**Committee Action:** 5/5/98    FAV

**Date Introduced:** 4/28/98

**Pub. Hearing Date:** 6/9/98    1:30 P.M.

**Council Action:** 6/9/98    ENACTED

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

**Pass/Fail:** P

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

**PLANNING, ZONING & ECON. DEV. COMMITTEE**

Date: 5/5/98

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Bailey, Del Giudice, Maloney and Russell)

Council Member Russell, the bill's sponsor, indicated to the Committee that he proposed this bill as a result of a private school in his district that has plans to construct a science building on the school site. Mr. Russell informed the Committee that current regulations require the school to obtain a preliminary plat of subdivision.

Mr. Temple Blackwood, Headmaster, Queen Anne School, spoke in support of the legislation indicating that it will allow the school to proceed with its plans for adding classroom space which is necessary to accommodate the new science/mathematics curriculum proposed for the students.

Council Member Maloney questioned why this legislation is necessary and what requirement in the Subdivision Regulations will be amended as a result of the bill. Staff responded that the Regulations require any deed described property predating January 1, 1982 to obtain a subdivision plat if new development or an addition exceeding 5,000 square feet of gross floor area is proposed on a site. There are existing exemptions for properties which were subdivided by deed prior to January 1, 1982; CB-65-1998 adds a provision to these exemptions to allow an addition to an existing school facility for which no increase in existing enrollment is proposed. Since no increase in enrollment is proposed for Queen Anne School, there will be no impact on public facilities which are tested as part of a preliminary plat of subdivision review.

The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law find the bill to be in proper legislative form. The Planning Board supports the bill. The Executive Branch takes no position on this legislation. The Office of Audits and Investigations has determined there should be no negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-65-1998.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

There are currently thirteen exemptions from the requirement of preliminary plat of subdivision. One of these exemptions is any subdivision of land by deed of a lot prior to January 1, 1982, under certain circumstances. This legislation adds a provision to this exemption to allow an addition to an existing school facility for which no increase in existing enrollment is proposed.

## **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**