

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

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**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** PLANNING, HOUSING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Date:** 05/07/2019

**Action:** FAV

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0-1 (In favor: Council Members Glaros, Davis, Hawkins and Ivey. Abstain: Council Member Dernoga)

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the committee as to comments received on referral. This legislation amends the County Zoning Ordinance definitions section to define a new use, Merchandise Logistics Center and to amend the current definition of Regional Urban Community.

Council Member Davis, the bill sponsor, informed the Committee that CB-18-2019 and CB-19-2019 (a subsequent legislative item on the Committee's May 7, 2019 agenda) are proposals to provide a significant employment generator opportunity in the County. This is also consistent with the County's vision and policies for Economic Development in strategically located areas.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-18-2019 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The Planning Board transmitted a May 2, 2019 letter to Council Chair Turner with a recommendation of support with the inclusion of suggested amendments as follows. "The Planning Board recommends adding the use to the M-X-T Zone and the Comprehensive Design Zones Table of Uses if the District Council would like to permit the use in those zones."

Rana Hightower, representing the Planning Board, informed the Committee that after discussion with Council staff, the Planning Board's amendments were no longer relevant since it is clear in the definition of Merchandise Logistics Center that it is a use only permitted in a Regional Urban Community.

The Committee voted favorable on the legislation as drafted.