

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

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**Meeting Date:** 6/18/2002**Reference No.:** CB-33-2002**Proposer:** Shapiro**Draft No.:** 1**Sponsors:** Shapiro

**Item Title:** An Ordinance requiring lots to be 25,000 square feet or more for vehicle sales in the U-L-I and M-U-TC Zones, and providing for amortization by August 31, 2005, of uses which are not in compliance

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**Drafter:** Steven M. Gilbert  
Principal Counsel**Resource** Cheryl Harrington  
**Personnel:** Legislative Aide

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:****Date Presented:** 4/30/2002**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ \_\_**Committee Referral:** 4/30/2002 PZED**Effective Date:** 8/5/2002**Committee Action:** 5/14/2002 FAV**Date Introduced:** 5/21/2002**Public Hearing:** 6/18/2002 10:00 A.M.**Council Action:** 6/18/2002 ENACTED**Council Votes:** PS:A, DB:A, TD:A, JE:A, TH:A, TK:A; RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A**Pass/Fail:** P**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

DATE: 5/14/02

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Russell, Bailey, Hendershot, Shapiro and Wilson).

Staff gave an overview of the purpose of the legislation and summarized referral comments that were received. Similar to CB-87-2000, which was enacted by the Council and applied to commercial zones, this bill requires that sales lots for used vehicles be at least 25,000 square feet in area in the U-L-I and M-U-TC zones. CB-33 also provides for amortization by August 31, 2005, of uses that do not comply with this regulation.

The bill's sponsor informed the Committee that CB-33 closes a loophole that exists whereby

used vehicle sales lots along the Route 1 corridor (in the areas of Hyattsville, Mt. Rainier and

Brentwood) that do not meet the square footage requirement imposed by CB-87-2000 are still in compliance due to the zoning designation for the properties. CB-33 corrects this problem by providing the same regulations for the used vehicle sales lots in the U-L-I and M-U-TC zones.

The Planning Board supports CB-33. The County Executive takes no position on the bill. The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law found the bill to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations determined there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-33.

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

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

The legislation requires that sales lots for used vehicles in the U-L-I and M-U-TC zones must be at least 25,000 square feet in area. Used vehicle sales lots below that standard must cease operation (or add property to the lot) by August 31, 2005. The bill imposes the same restrictions in U-L-I and M-U-TC as were imposed by CB-87-2000 in commercial zones.

### **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**