

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2017 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-118-2017

Draft No.: 1

Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 10/04/2017

Action: FAV

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Franklin, and Patterson)

The Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the Committee of written referral comments that were received. The bill amends the Zoning Ordinance residential and industrial zones Table of Uses to permit townhouses in the R-55, R-T and I-3 Zones if the use meets certain criteria as provided in new footnotes to the tables. The Zoning and Legislative Counsel explained that CB-118-2017 is clean up legislation for CB-65-2017 which was presented and referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee but removed from the Committee agenda by the bill sponsor. The sponsor then directed staff to draft another bill to address agency referral comments received on CB-65-2017. Due to the extent of changes, Counsel advised that a new bill number should be assigned for presentation.

The Planning Board took no position on the legislation and provided staff analysis in a September 28, 2017 letter to Council Chairman Davis. The Office of Law reviewed CB-118-2017 and commented that the bill may be subject to challenge as it is treating properties differently by not subjecting certain properties to the requirements of the respective zones.

Arthur Horne, of Shipley & Horne, P.A., testified in support of the legislation.

The Committee voted favorable on CB-118-2017 as drafted.