

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2012 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-91-2012

Proposed by Council Member Toles

Introduced by Council Members Toles, Turner, Franklin, Patterson, Davis and Lehman

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 20, 2012

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Building and Use and Occupancy Permits

3 For the purpose of supporting mandatory notice requirements by the Department of
4 Environmental Resources at the time of acceptance of an application for certain Building and
5 Use and Occupancy Permits.

6 WHEREAS, on September 23, 2012, the County Council presented CB-95-2012, to
7 authorize enhanced review of the permitting process for certain uses in the County, to include
8 food and beverage stores, eating and drinking establishments, gas stations, and laundromats in an
9 effort to promote availability of healthful eating alternatives, to reduce detrimental food and
10 beverage consumption, and to reduce blight; and

11 WHEREAS, the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development considered CB-95-2012 on
12 October 17, 2012 to examine the legislation and gather public input regarding the bill; and

13 WHEREAS, during the October 17, 2012, work session, the committee members expressed
14 concerns with the availability of healthful food alternatives in the County as well as the impact of
15 concentrated proliferation of certain uses on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and
16 residents of Prince George's County; and

17 WHEREAS, based on the concerns expressed by the community members and development
18 community, the committee determined that a comprehensive legislative package should be
19 developed to promote the public health, enhance quality of life, and encourage business
20 investment throughout the County; and

21 WHEREAS, the County Council firmly supports the policy of enhanced transparency in
22 government operations as well as business operations in order to engage our community

1 stakeholders; and

2 WHEREAS, Section 27-254(c)(3) provides that if a building or use and occupancy permit
3 involves a commercial or industrial use within the corporate boundaries of a municipality, the
4 Department of Environmental Resources must notify the municipality the application has been
5 accepted for filing to the municipal government; and

6 WHEREAS, it is the determination of the County Council that providing the same notice to
7 the County Council and to the community concerning pending building or use and occupancy
8 permits involving a commercial or industrial use is a crucial step to meaningful examination of
9 the issues; and

10 WHEREAS, a Resolution has the force and effect of law but of a temporary or
11 administrative character.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
13 County, Maryland, that the Department of Environmental Resources is hereby urged to provide
14 the notice required by Section 27-254(c)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance to any civic association
15 registered with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the area which
16 includes the subject property.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Environmental Resources is further
18 urged to provide the notice required by Section 27-254(c)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance to the
19 member of the County Council for the councilmanic district which includes the subject property.

Adopted this 20th day of November, 2012.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Andrea C. Harrison
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council