

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-013-2021

Draft No.: 2

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 2/16/2021

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments 9-0. (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Ivey, Streeter and Turner. Absent: Council Members Taveras and Harrison)

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on February 16, 2021 to discuss CR-13-2021 a resolution continuing the emergency declaration adopted by the governing body on January 12, 2021, CR-2-2021 and continued by the County Executive as set forth in Executive Order 3-2021 dated January 26, 2021.

Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, gave an overview of the resolution. She stated that the declaration of emergency shall stay in effect through March 18, 2021 from its effective date of February 18, 2021 unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or as extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body.

Dr. Ernest Carter, Health Officer, also briefed the Committee on the status of COVID-19 efforts in the County and the need to continue the emergency declaration. The Committee discussed issues involving vaccinations including distribution, phases, and locations; issues surrounding bowling alleys being capped at 50 patrons; including the faith-based community as vaccination distribution partners; and registering seniors for vaccinations. An amendment was offered to revise the resolution to extend the amount of time the declaration of emergency stays in effect to 45 days. After a robust discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable as amended on CR-13-2021, 9-0.