

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-083-2024

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 10/08/2024

Action: FAVORABLE

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable, 8-0 (In favor: Chair Ivey, Council Members Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, and Watson)

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole (COW) on October 8, 2024, to consider CR-083-2024.

On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, the County Council introduced CR-083-2024, a Resolution for the purpose of adopting an administrative Universal Design for Housing Waiver Request Fee for the processing and review of an applicant's universal design for housing waiver request and generally regarding waivers and administrative fees.

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Director gave an overview of the Resolution and the Policy Analysis submitted by the Budget and Policy Division on CR-083-2024. The Policy Analysis stated that the Resolution would have a favorable direct impact because it could increase revenue and offset the cost of DPIE staffing demands for enforcing the Universal Design requirements. The fee would also deter waiver requests, encourage the creation of housing for persons with disabilities, and allow other residents to age in place. The memorandum also asked if the \$245.00 processing fee is adequate to meet the administrative demands for waivers that may be requested.

Ms. Lori Parris, Senior Advisor to the DPIE Director, stated she was in attendance on behalf of the Universal Design Workgroup and would answer any questions.

Ms. Dinora Hernandez, with the Office of Law, stated that the Resolution is in proper legislative format, legally sufficient, and has no impediments to its adoption.

Ms. Sakinda Skinner, County Council Liaison, stated that the County Executive's Office requested a favorable recommendation on CR-083-2024.

On motion of Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Watson, the County Council Committee of the Whole voted 8-0 favorably on CR-083-2024.