

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CB-074-2024
Draft No.:	1
Committee:	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Date:	9/24/2024
Action:	FAVORABLE

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

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on September 24, 2024, to consider CB-074-2024. The PHED Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the Committee of written comments received on referral. As presented on September 10, 2024, the bill amends the Subdivision Regulations to provide access to review and approve subdivision applications under the prior regulations for one additional year ending April 1, 2025.

The Planning Department submitted a memorandum supporting CB-074-2024.

The Sierra Club submitted a written letter taking a neutral position on the proposed legislation, stating they understand the extension is needed to be consistent with timelines for extensions in CB-015-2024 but generally oppose timeline extensions.

Ms. Dinora Hernandez, with the Office of Law, found the bill in proper legislative form and had no legal impediments to its enactment.

Ms. Sakinda Skinner, County Council Liaison with the County Executive's Office, stated that the Administration supports CB-074-2024.

Peter Goldsmith testified in support of the legislation on behalf of a client seeking to develop senior affordable housing in Council District 7. They are requesting to develop under the prior Subdivision Regulations for practical purposes. A portion of the property needs to be subdivided where there is existing business on the site. If the site's development occurred under the new Subdivision Regulations, the business would become a nonconforming use.

Mr. Tom Haller testified on behalf of Meridian Hill Baptist church in support of the bill.

Council Member Oriadha explained that she met on the proposed District 7 project and understands the need for the Subdivision Regulations extension. However, she believes there is an issue beyond the extension and would like to work with the Planning Department to fix it because the issue could happen with other projects.

CB-074-2024 Report

On motion of Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Watson, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted 8-0 favorably on CB-074-2024.