

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** 11/19/2001**Reference No.:** CB-75-2001**Proposer:** Scott**Draft No.:** 2**Sponsors:** Scott**Item Title:** An Ordinance permitting contractor's offices in the  
R-R Zone under certain circumstances.

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**Drafter:****Resource** Betsy Burian  
**Personnel:** Legislative Aide

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:****Date Presented:** 9/25/2001**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ \_\_**Committee Referral:** 9/25/2001 PZED**Effective Date:** 1/4/2002**Committee Action:** 10/10/2001 FAV(A)**Date Introduced:** 10/16/2001**Public Hearing:** 11/19/2001 10:00 A.M.**Council Action:** 11/19/2001 ENACTED**Council Votes:** RVR:A, DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A**Pass/Fail:** P**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEV. COM. REPORT****DATE:** 10/10/2001

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Shapiro, Estep and Russell).

The purpose of this legislation is to allow an existing single-family dwelling located in the R-R Zone to be utilized as a contractor's office. The bill limits this use to land located within the median of a road classified as a freeway on the applicable Master Plan.

The Planning Board supports the legislation and offers the following comments. Because the contractor's office would basically be a business that would be located in a median, restrictions regarding size of the business and storage area and ensuring safety of motorists and customers should be added to this permanent use.

The County Executive takes no position on the bill. The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law find the bill to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations determined there should be no negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-75-2001.

Council Member Scott, the bill's sponsor, proposed an amendment to the bill to address the comments provided by the Planning Board. Mrs. Scott suggested that the following language be added at the end of Footnote 37: “the property is at least one-half (1/2) acre in size; and access to the property will not be directly from the main travel lanes of the freeway.”

The Committee voted favorably on the legislation including the above amendment.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

Contractor's offices are permitted in most Residential Zones as a temporary use. This legislation permits contractor's offices in the R-R Zone as a permanent use under certain circumstances.

### **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**