

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-095-2021

Draft No.: 1

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 10/12/2021

Action: FAV

REPORT:

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

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, to consider CB-95-2021. This legislation was transmitted by the County Executive for the purpose of amending the International Building and Residential Codes regarding the placement and construction of guard rails.

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the Committee of written comments received on referral. Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement Director Melinda Bolling and Senior Adviser Lori Parris were present in the meeting to provide additional background and respond to questions. Ms. Parris informed the Committee that CB-95-2021 proposes minor amendments to the International Building and Residential Code and is a clean up to the update amendments made in 2020 pursuant to the Council's enactment of CB-56-2020. The amendment is a necessary change to ensure safe egress.

The Office of Audits and investigations found enactment of CB-95-2021 will likely result in no fiscal impact. Enactment of the legislation will provide the necessary safety protocols as conveyed by the International Building Code to add safety value and prevent future incidents to residents. The Office of Law reviewed the bill as it was presented on September 28, 2021 and found it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

On a motion by Council Member Harrison and second by Council Member Turner, the Committee of the Whole voted CB-95-2021 DR-1 out favorable, 9-0.