

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-128-2021

Draft No.: 1

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 11/09/2021

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 9-0: Council Members Hawkins, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Taveras, and Turner)

The Committee of the Whole convened on November 9, 2021, to consider CR-128-2021. The Committee Director provided a staff overview of the legislation, stating that the purpose of the legislation is to reapprove the Planning Area boundaries originally codified as Sections 27-649 through 27-685 of the Zoning Ordinance. The Resolution is part of a package of legislation related to technical and administrative corrections for implementation of the new County Zoning Ordinance approved by way of CB-13-2018. The resolution does not change the prior approved Planning Area Boundaries (as depicted in Attachment A to the Resolution); it relocates the description of the boundaries from the Zoning Ordinance to a format that preserves the current boundaries while keeping them out of the new Zoning Ordinance given that there is no need or requirement of the Land Use Article to codify local planning area boundaries and doing so would detract from the overall streamlining goals of the new Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Board is not required by local law to comment on Council Resolutions; however, by letter dated September 30, 2021 to Council Chairman Hawkins, the Board commented on their unanimous vote to support the purpose of CR-128-2021. The Office of Law reviewed CR-128-2021 as it was introduced on November 2, 2021 and found it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

Council Members Glaros and Turner commented that the Resolution does not include changes that have occurred to the Planning Area boundaries based on municipal annexations (as noted by a comment received from the City of Bowie Planning Director) since the time that the boundaries were first established and that a future Council review and action to reflect those changes is necessary.

On a motion by Council Member Glaros and second by Council Member Davis, the Committee of the Whole voted CR-128-2021 Draft-1 out favorable, 9-0.