

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2016 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-042-2016
Draft No.: 2
Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Date: 07/06/2016
Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-1 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Glaros, and Taveras. Opposed: Council Member Toles)

Council staff summarized the purpose of CB-42-2016 as well as written referral comments received concerning the legislation. Council Member Lehman, the bill's sponsor, informed the Committee that this legislation removes certain restrictions in the R-T Zone and will assist in addressing the shortage of housing needs in the County for seniors and the disabled.

The Planning Board supports the legislation. The Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) recommended a revision to the bill's purpose clause as follows: "For the purpose of amending the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance for apartment housing for elderly or handicapped families in the R-T (Townhouse) Zone." This revision better explains the purpose of the legislation given the amendment on page 3 of the bill. The Office of Law reviewed CB-42-2016 and found no legal impediments to its enactment; however, an amendment to the purpose clause was also recommended.

Dan Lynch testified in support of the legislation.

The Committee voted favorable on CB-42-2016 including the amendment to the purpose clause recommended by the ZHE.