

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-088-2018

Draft No.: 2

Committee: PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 09/19/2018

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-0-1 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Franklin, and Patterson. Abstain: Council Member Glaros)

The Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the committee that no written referral comments were received on the bill; however, agency representatives were present to provide verbal comments. This legislation amends the Zoning Ordinance Residential Zone use table to permit Class 3 fill uses as a method of reclaiming former surface mining operations for public use in the R-A (Residential Agricultural) Zone under certain circumstances. Council Member Franklin, the bill's sponsor, informed the Committee that the intent of the legislation is to allow reclamation of former surface mining properties for public recreational amenity uses.

Rana Hightower, Planning Department staff, informed the Committee of the staff's recommendation to the Planning Board in opposition to the bill and explained the reasons for the staff's position.

The Zoning Hearing Examiner and Office of Law had no comment on the legislation. The County Executive's representative indicated that the Executive has not made a recommendation on CB-88-2018.

Arthur Horne, of Shipley & Horne, P.A., testified in support of the legislation.

The Committee voted favorable on the legislation including amendments on page 3 as follows: in Footnote 126(b), after “, with any required mitigation made”, insert “as” and delete (k) in its entirety as that same language is already in (h).