

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2014 Legislative Session

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Committee: **Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee**

Date: 2/19/2014

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Campos and Franklin)

This legislation amends the residential zone use table to allow catering establishments in the R-R Zone under certain circumstances. Committee staff summarized a Proposed Draft-2 (DR-2) prepared at the direction of the bill's sponsor to address comments and suggestions provided by the Planning Department and the Zoning Hearing Examiner. The background information on the agenda item summary was also revised to indicate that the legislation would allow a municipality to lease space in a public building to a private caterer for food or beverage preparation only.

Council Member Turner, the bill's sponsor, informed the committee that this legislation assists a municipality located in her district with their endeavors to help small businesses. The municipality currently holds a valid permit to operate a non-profit food service facility in the community center. This legislation expands the use for leasing to commercial caterers.

Mayor Emmett Jordan, City of Greenbelt, submitted a letter dated February 14, 2014 indicating the City Council's unanimous support for CB-4-2014 and urging the PZED Committee and the County Council to adopt the bill which will "allow the City to generate additional revenue through the rental of this space as well as provide support to local catering businesses." Mayor Jordan, Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis, Di Quynn Reno, and Joe McNeal were present for the Committee discussion and testified in support of the legislation including the amendments in Proposed DR-2.

The committee voted favorable, 3-0, including the suggested revisions to footnote 97 in Proposed DR-2 to limit the use to "preparation of food and/or beverages only". This language clarifies that the bill does not allow a catering establishment to hold events with seating in a public building described in footnote 97.