

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 5/7/2002

Reference No.: CB-15-2002

Proposer: Shapiro

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Shapiro

Item Title: An Act prohibiting in Revitalization Tax Credit Districts only, the standing or parking of vehicles on unpaved areas of residential lots

Drafter: Steven M. Gilbert
Principal Counsel

Resource Cheryl Harrington
Personnel: Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 3/19/2002

Executive Action: 5/14/2002 S

Committee Referral: 3/19/2002 THE

Effective Date: 7/1/2002

Committee Action: 04/11/2002 FAV

Date Introduced: 4/16/2002

Public Hearing: 5/7/2002 10:00 A.M.

Council Action: 5/7/2002 ENACTED

Council Votes: PS:A, DB:A, TD:A, JE:A, TH:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 4/11/02

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Scott, Dernoga, Shapiro and Wilson)

Staff summarized the legislation and informed the Committee of referral comments. CB-15-2002 amends Subtitle 26. Vehicles and Traffic of the County's Code. CB-15-2002 prohibits in Revitalization Tax Credit Districts only the standing or parking of vehicles on unpaved areas of residential lots, and defining the terms vehicle and unpaved area of a residential lot. Any person issued a citation for a violation shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars for each offense.

The sponsor of CB-15-2002 explained the purpose of the new provision being added to the County Code pursuant to this bill. This bill will assist in older urban areas to help preserve property standards. This provision is already law in some municipalities. Also, with enactment

of CB-15-2002, police officers can assist with enforcement.

Community activists residing in the Hyattsville areas spoke in support of CB-15-2002. One citizen questioned if this provision could apply to denser suburban areas within the County and to include public property that is not paved. She suggested language that would impose requirements on the square footage of the lot size.

The County Executive takes no position. The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law find it to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that there should be a position fiscal impact on the County because of the revenue generated for the citations for violations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This legislation, applicable only in Revitalization Tax Credit Districts, prohibits the parking or standing of vehicles on unpaved areas of residential lots.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: