Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 10/28/2014 **Reference No.:** CB-066-2014

Draft No.:

Proposer(s): Park & Planning

Sponsor(s): Franklin

Item Title: An Act concerning Tree Canopy Coverage Ordinance – Exemptions for the purpose of

providing certain exemptions from requirements of the Tree Canopy Coverage Ordinance set forth in Subtitle 25 of the County Code for properties located within the Chesapeake Bay

Critical Area Overlay Zones of the County.

Drafter: CJ Lammers, Project Leader, M-NCPPC

Resource Personnel: Megan Reiser, Planner Coordinator

Mary Rea, Planner

Karen T. Zavakos, Legislative Officer

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:9/2/2014Executive Action:11/12/2014 SCommittee Referral:9/2/2014 - PZEDEffective Date:1/1/2015

Committee Action: 9/16/2014 - FAV

Date Introduced: 9/30/2014

Public Hearing: 10/28/2014 - 10:30 AM

Council Action (1) 10/28/2014 - ENACTED

Council Votes: WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:-, ML:-, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

25-127

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development

Date 9/16/2014

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Campos, Franklin, Harrison and Olson)

Council staff summarized the purpose of three Council Bills (CB-64-2014, CB-65-2014, and CB-66-2014) transmitted by the Planning Board for the Council's consideration to support the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Zone Sectional Map Amendment (SMA). CB-66-2014 amends Subtitle 25 (Tree Canopy Ordinance) to require properties that are eligible to be exempt from the Critical Area requirements in the residential zones of the Anacostia Intense Development Overlay to meet the applicable Tree Canopy Coverage requirement.

Megan Reiser and Rana Hightower of the Planning Department were available to respond to questions concerning the legislation. The Office of Law reviewed CB-66-2014 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no

legal impediments to its enactment.
The Committee voted favorable on the legislation as drafted.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT: (Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements) This bill provides clarifying language regarding the applicability of the Tree Canopy Coverage Ordinance for certain permit applications within the Critical Area.
CODE INDEX TOPICS:
INCLUSION FILES:

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