PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-69-2015

Draft No.: 2

Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date:

October 7, 2015

Action:

FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Glaros, Davis Taveras, and Toles)

Council staff summarized the purpose of CB-69-2015. Council Chairman Franklin, the bill's sponsor, requested the Committee's support of the bill to create flexibility in the Zoning Ordinance for a specific situation to allow a permanent tent in the regulations versus a temporary use previously approved for the site.

The Planning Board took no position on the legislation and provided comments in an October 7, 2015 letter to Council Chairman Franklin. Alan Hirsch and Rana Hightower, representing the Planning Board, were present to respond to questions.

Donnell Long testified in support of the legislation to allow continued use of an existing tent for seating purposes at his business. Mr. Hirsch confirmed that a temporary permit was issued for a patio to include seating.

The Committee voted favorable on CB-69-2015 including an amendment on page 2, line 8, after "located" to strike "in a Main Street corridor" since the term is not defined in the Zoning Ordinance.