

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-077-2021

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 7/6/2021

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 10-0. In Favor: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner. Absent: Council Member Franklin

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on July 6, 2021 to discuss CR-77-2021 a resolution continuing the emergency declaration adopted by the governing body on May 11, 2021, CR-48-2021 and continued by the County Executive as set forth in Executive Order 17-2021 dated June 28, 2021.

Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, gave an overview of the resolution. She stated that the declaration of emergency shall stay in effect through September 10, 2021 from its effective date of July 9, 2021 unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or as extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body.

Dr. Ernest Carter, Health Officer, and Ronald Gill, Director of Homeland Security also briefed the Committee on the status of COVID-19 efforts in the County and the need to continue the emergency declaration. The Committee discussed issues involving the impact on federal funding; the percentage of County residents that are vaccinated and efforts to vaccinate residents including the homeless population and coordinating with Prince George's County Public Schools; overcoming community resistance to vaccination and continuing to push messaging on the need for it; the County's authority to issue an emergency declaration separate from the State; guidance on private establishments and their requirements; and the opening of County buildings to the public which is estimated to occur on August 30th. After a robust discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable on CR-77-2021, 10-0.