

Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/20/2007
Reference No.: CB-015-2007
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): Dean
Sponsor(s): Dean, Harrington, Turner, Knotts, Exum, Bland
Item Title: An Act establishing a Common Ownership Communities Program to assist governing bodies, owners, and residents of homeowners' associations, residential condominiums, and cooperative housing corporations with education, training, and alternative dispute resolution services in matters relating to these communities.

Drafter: Colette R. Gresham, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Nell W. Johnson, Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	5/22/2007	Executive Action:	12/7/2007 S
Committee Referral:	5/22/2007 - THE	Effective Date:	1/22/2008

Committee Action: 6/14/2007 - HELD
10/11/2007 - FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 10/23/2007
Public Hearing: 11/20/2007 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/20/2007 - ENACTED
Council Votes: MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

13-314, 13-315, 13-316, 13-317, 13-318

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date 10/11/2007

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Campos, Harrington and Turner)

Staff summarized the purpose of the resolution. CB-15-2007 (DR-2) establishes a Common Ownership Communities Program to assist governing bodies, owners, and residents of homeowners' associations, residential condominiums, and cooperative housing corporations with education, training, and alternative dispute resolution services in matters relating to these communities.

The bill was held in committee on 6/14/2007 to address concerns posed by the Committee members. The Committee's initial concerns on fees, penalties and advertising to Home Owners Associations (HOAs), was addressed at the meeting. The proposed draft annulled the fees and allows the Office of Community Relations (OCR) to get information on all Common Ownership Communities Program (COCP) in the County.

The Office of Law determined that CB-15-2007 (DR-2) was in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated that eliminating the proposed registration fees and penalties will take away the potential for additional revenues to partially offset program expenses related to the COCP. The Office of Audits and Investigation further states there will not be a material fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-15-2007 (DR-2).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This legislation establishes the Common Ownership Communities Program to be administered by the Office of Community Relations to assist governing bodies, owners, and residents of homeowners' associations, residential condominiums, and cooperative housing corporations with education, training, and alternative dispute resolution services

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