

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-093-2018

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Date:** 09/19/2018

**Action:** FAV (A)

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-1-1 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Franklin, and Glaros. Oppose: Council Member Toles. Abstain: Council Member Patterson)

Council Committee staff gave an overview of the legislation and informed the Committee that no written referral comments were received on the bill; however, agency representatives were present to provide verbal comments. On behalf of the bill sponsor, the Zoning and Legislative Counsel explained that CB-93-2018 is follow up legislation enacted in 2015 concerning the Business Advancement and Food Access Infill use to address the need to avoid food deserts in Prince George's County. Counsel commented that to further the effectiveness of the prior legislation, CB-93-2018 expands the array of uses permitted within a Business Advancement and Food Access Infill development.

Rana Hightower, Planning Department staff, informed the Committee of the staff's recommendation to the Planning Board of no position with a suggested amendment on page 2, line 4 to delete the word "and" behind the word "food" and replace with the word "or". The revised language would read "food or beverage store". The Zoning Hearing Examiner and Office of Law had no comment on the legislation. The County Executive's representative indicated that the Executive is in support of CB-93-2018.

To clarify that uses permitted by special exception in the C-S-C Zone are also permitted in a Business Advancement and Food Access Infill, but without the requirement for a special exception application, the Zoning and Legislative Counsel suggested an amendment on page 2, line 6 to insert "is permitted" after "or by special exception".

The Committee voted favorable on CB-93 including the amendment recommended by the Zoning and Legislative Counsel.