

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 2/14/95

**Reference No.:** CR-3-1995

**Proposer:** MacKinnon

**Draft No.:** 1

**Sponsors:** MacKinnon and Wilson

**Item Title:** A Resolution to approve the enactment of Section 8-9 of the Code of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, concerning fences

**Drafter:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**Resource Personnel:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

**Committee Referral:**(1) 1/10/95 PZED

**Effective Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Committee Action:**(1) 2/6/95 FAV

**Date Introduced:** 1/10/95

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

**Council Action:** (1) 2/14/95 Adopted

**Council Votes:** AMc:A, DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEV. COM. REPORT:      DATE: 2/6/95

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Maloney, MacKinnon, Russell and Wilson).

Staff explained that the Regional District Act allows municipalities to adopt separate regulations regarding fences, providing the municipal requirements are at least as strict as the County's Zoning Ordinance. The District Council must approve these municipal ordinances. The Town of Cheverly enacted such an ordinance in 1994, and it requires Council approval before it becomes effective. The Cheverly ordinance prohibits the mayor and council from granting special exceptions to allow front yard fences. This prohibition on front yard fences is in keeping with the character of Cheverly.

The Office of Law and the Legislative Officer found the bill to be in proper legislative form, the Office of Audits and Investigations reported that there will be no negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting this resolution, and the Department of Environmental Resources took no position.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

The Regional District Act authorizes municipalities to enact ordinances regarding fences, providing the municipal ordinance is stricter than the County's zoning regulations. These ordinances must be approved by the District Council before becoming effective. The Town of Cheverly enacted such an ordinance on August 11, 1994.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**