



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 5/7/2024

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Reference No.: CB-020-2024

Chapter Number: 4

Draft No.: 3

Public Hearing Date: 05/07/2024 @ 10:00 AM

Proposer(s): M-NCPPC

Sponsor(s): Harrison, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Hawkins, Dernoga and Oriadha

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING WOODLAND AND WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION ORDINANCE for the purpose of revising the existing subtitle in order to comply with state mandated revisions as per the Maryland Forest Conservation Act; revising and adding definitions; revising applicability and exemption requirements; revising plan review, validity and grandfathering requirements; revising a certain definition; providing for a certain fee-in-lieu; establishing a certain Fund; revising the variance and appeal process; revising enforcement process; revising the conservation requirements including priority areas, thresholds and replacement ratios; revising conservation requirements design criteria, priorities, options and bonding; revising forest stand delineation area; and revising forest harvesting.

Drafter: Megan Reiser, M-NCPPC Staff

Resource Personnel: Tom Burke, Marian Honeczy, Kim Finch, Marc Juba, M-NCPPC Staff

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/12/2024	County Council	presented and referred	TIEE
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the Planning Board and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.		
03/26/2024	TIEE	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 5 Olson, Harrison, Burroughs, Dernoga and Fisher		
04/02/2024	County Council	amended (1)	

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Harrison, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent: 3 Ivey, Blegay and Franklin

04/02/2024 County Council introduced

Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Harrison, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Hawkins, Dernoga and Oriadha.

05/07/2024 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

05/07/2024 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Nay: 1 Hawkins

Absent: 1 Ivey

Abstain: 1 Franklin

05/15/2024 County Executive signed

Action Text:

This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

25-124 25-123 25-122 25-121 25-120 25-119 25-118 25-117

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The purpose of this bill is to update the overall ordinance, in order to comply with state mandated revisions as per the Maryland Forest Conservation Act; revising and adding definitions; revising applicability and exemption requirements; revising plan review, validity and grandfathering requirements; revising the variance and appeal process; revising enforcement process; revising the conservation requirements including priority areas, thresholds and replacement ratios; revising conservation requirements design criteria, priorities, options and bonding; revising forest stand delineation area; and revising forest harvesting. Modifications to this ordinance are needed to address requirements of HB 723-2023 (Forest Preservation and Retention) with an effective date of July 1, 2024.

The related bills include proposed revisions to Subtitle 25 Division 3, and Subtitle 24.

Document(s): B2024020, CB-020-2024 Summary, CB-020-2024 Report, CB-020-2024 PAFI, CB-020-2024 Transmittal, PGCPB Transmittal Packet Pink 03-04-2024, HB 723 Forest Preservation and Retention, CB-020-2024 OOL Comments, CB-020-2024 M-NCPPC Presentation 3-26-2024 TIEE, CB-020-2024 Public Comments - CC 05-07-2024