

There was concern by some committee members that the list of minor permits is not available in its final form, and it would be premature to adopt the legislation without this list. The Director of DER and the Planning Department agreed to transmit this list, in the form of a resolution, to the Council as soon as possible.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Held in Committee.

The Committee members were supplied with a list of permits that might be included on the list of "permits of a minor nature", but it was emphasized that this was only a sample list, and an official list would be agreed upon by the Directors of the Planning Department and DER following adoption of the legislation. The Planning Board supports the legislation, with an amendment requiring the Planning Board to approve the list of minor permit types. The Legislative Officer suggested that the criteria for determining what will be considered "minor" should be provided in the Code. The Municipal Association opposes the legislation, stating that "minor permits" should be defined prior to adoption of the legislation.

It was the consensus of the Committee that this authority should not be delegated to the Directors of the Planning Department and DER, or to the Planning Board. The bill was held pending further study.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

The present law requires that permit applications be referred to the Planning Board for recommendation, and that any permit issued without that recommendation is illegal.

The Department of Environmental Resources and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission believe that certain permits of a minor nature should not be subject to this requirement.