

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

**Meeting Date:** 7/9/96

**Reference No.:** CB-59-1996

**Proposer:** Scott

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Scott

**Item Title:** Ordinance for the purpose of clarifying the definition of nursing or care homes to conform with the Code of Maryland Regulations Sections 10.07.02 and 10.07.03

**Drafter:** Ralph Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**Resource Personnel:** Cheye M. Clavo  
Legislative Aide

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 6/11/96

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

**Committee Referral:**(1) 6/11/96 PZED

**Effective Date:** 9/16/96

**Committee Action:**(1) 7/1/96 FAV (A)

**Date Introduced:** 7/9/96

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) 7/30/96 1:30 PM

**Council Action:** (1) 7/30/96 Enacted

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

**Pass/Fail:** P

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

**PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEV. COM. REPORT**

Date: 7/1/96

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Wilson, Estepp, MacKinnon, Maloney, and Russell).

This legislation amends the definition of "nursing or care home" in the Zoning Ordinance to make it consistent with the definitions in State law. "Nursing and Care Home" is currently one definition, and this amendment provides separate definitions, as is provided in COMAR 10.07.02 and 10.07.03.

The sponsor noted that this legislation is necessary to update the Zoning Ordinance and bring it into compliance with the more recent revisions to State law.

The Planning Board supports this bill, and the Health Department supports the legislation, but notes that in order to be consistent with State law, it must be amended. Specifically, the reference to "four or more" chronically ill patients in the definition of nursing home should be eliminated, and the reference to intermittent assistance "two to three hours per day" in the definition of care home should be deleted. These amendments were accepted by the Committee. The Office Of Law finds the bill to be in proper legislative form. Michelle LaRocca, representing Dimensions Health Corp., spoke in support of the legislation.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**