



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 10/7/2025

Effective Date:

Reference No.: CB-027-2025

Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 2

Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Dernoga and Ivey

Sponsor(s): Dernoga, Ivey, Adams-Stafford, Harrison, Fisher and Watson

Item Title: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING MODERNIZING ACCESS TO TREATMENT SERVICES for the purpose of defining State-licensed medical clinics as a new principal use type; establishing the zones in which this new use type is permitted, as shown on the principal use tables; setting forth conditions under which this new principal use may be approved; establishing off-street parking requirements for this new use type; amending the description of the Health Care Uses principal use category; amending the definition of Medical facility; and removing Methadone treatment center as a principal use type.

Drafter: Eric Irving, Fiscal and Legislative Specialist

Resource Personnel: Michelle Garcia, Chief of Staff, Council District 1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
02/26/2025	Clerk of the Council	transmitted	
	Action Text: This Council Bill was transmitted		
03/13/2025		No position on proposed legislative amendment	
	Action Text: This Council Draft was No position on proposed legislative amendment		
04/01/2025	M-NCPPC Planning Board	No position on proposed legislative amendment	
	Action Text: This Council Draft was No position on proposed legislative amendment		
04/08/2025	County Council	presented and referred	PHED

Action Text:

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Dernoga and Ivey and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

04/17/2025 PHED Held in Committee

Action Text:

A motion was made by Chair Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 Dernoga, Harrison and Hawkins

Excused: 1 Olson

Absent: 1 Oriadha

06/05/2025 PHED Held in Committee

Action Text:

A motion was made by Chair Dernoga, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee for further study, encouraging Planning Board comments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Dernoga, Harrison, Olson and Oriadha

Absent: 1 Hawkins

07/03/2025 PHED Favorably
recommended with
amendments

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Dernoga, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

10/07/2025 County Council introduced

Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Ivey, Adams-Stafford, Harrison, Fisher and Watson.

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

27-8301 27-5402 27-2400 27-2500 27-5101 27-5102 27-6305

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

To address the urgent need for treatment services within the County, this bill amends the Zoning Ordinance to add a new principal use type, opioid treatment centers, and sets forth development application requirements for these centers. This bill codifies the provisions of a companion emergency resolution titled "A Resolution concerning Zoning Ordinance - Use Regulations - Preserving Access to Opioid Treatment Services."

The County continues to face the effects of a nationwide opioid crisis, which has been determined to be a public health emergency by the federal Department of Health & Human Services. Prince George's County recently ranked third among counties in Maryland for fatal opioid overdoses, and a statewide assessment of treatment programs found that programs available in the County meet only a fraction of the need. The County has only one licensed and certified opioid treatment facility (per the Maryland Department of Health) and the County Health Department announced it will no longer provide Medication Assisted Treatment Services after March 2025.

To address the urgent need for treatment service capacity in the County, this bill approves a new use type and permits this new use type by right in certain nonresidential zones. Development applications for this new use type must demonstrate that certain conditions have been met, but unlike the existing "Methadone Treatment Centers" use type, these development applications will not be subject to special exception review.

Document(s): B2025027, CB-027-2025 Report, CB-027-2025 ZHE Comments, CB-027-2025 OOL Comments, CB-027-2025 M-NCPPC Supplemental Comments (DR-2A), LDR-53-2025 Planning Board Recommendation, LDR-53-2025 M-NCPPC Technical Staff Report, LDR-53-2025 M-NCPPC email Transmittal, LDR-02-2025 PGCPB Transmittal Pink Sheet