PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2014 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-20-2014

Draft No.:

Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 05/07/2014

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Campos, Franklin, Harrison and Olson)

CB-20-2014 amends the Zoning Ordinance to provide an exception to the applicability of certain zoning requirements for public buildings and uses to add the proposed Public Safety Communications Center (911) and Emergency Operations Center on Anchor Street in Landover. The legislation is drafted to allow the provisions to become effective on the date of its adoption.

The facility is recommended for inclusion on the list of exemptions to certain zoning requirements due to the unique nature of this project. The time constraints related to grant funding for the project as well as the role this building will serve in providing back-up 911 services for the County justifies the bill taking effect on the date of its adoption. The building has also been subject to previous public deliberation and County approval through its listing in the County's Capital Improvement Program.

Dr. Fern Piret, Planning Director, was present for the discussion and informed the committee that the Planning Board is in support of the legislation and would be taking a formal position during their next meeting scheduled for May 8, 2014. The Office of Law reviewed the bill and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.