

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

Meeting Date: 4/8/2003

Reference No.: CB-9-2003

Proposer: Knotts

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Knotts

Item Title: An Ordinance permitting reducing/exercise salons or health clubs in the E-I-A Zone

Drafter: Jackie Brown, Director
PZED Committee

Resource Betty Horton-Hodge
Personnel: Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 2/4/2003

Executive Action: __/__/____ __

Committee Referral: 2/4/2003 PZED

Effective Date: 4/8/2003

Committee Action: 2/12/2003 FAV

Date Introduced: 2/25/2003

Public Hearing: 4/8/2003 10:00 A.M.

Council Action: 1 4/8/2003 ENACTED

Council Votes: PS:A, MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A; TH:A, TK:A, DP:-

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

4/8/2003: CB-9-2003 was reconsidered; amended; (DR-2) enacted

PLANNING, ZONING & ECON. DEV. COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/12/03

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-1 (In favor: Council Members Harrington, Dean and Exum. Opposed: Council Member Dernoga)

This legislation amends the Comprehensive Design Zone use table to permit reducing or exercise salons or health clubs as a matter of right in the E-I-A (Employment and Institutional Area) Zone. Staff provided a summary of the bill as well as the referral comments that were received.

The Planning Board supports CB-9-2003 and provided the following comments. Reducing or exercise salons or health clubs are currently allowed in all industrial zones and several

commercial zones. The proposed uses are compatible with other uses in the E-I-A Zone and the purposes of the zone. Exercise salons and health clubs located in employment areas offer opportunities to employees near their place of work that currently may not exist. The Board commented that consideration may also want to be given to including this use in the M-A-C (Major Activity Center), L-A-C (Local Activity Center), and the two Village (V-M and V-L) Comprehensive Design Zones, which also have a commercial component.

Aisha Braveboy, representing the County Executive's Office, informed the Committee that the County Executive supports CB-9-2003. The Office of Law, Legislative Officer and the Principal Counsel found the bill to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-9-2003. Mr. Hank Arrington addressed the Committee speaking in support of the legislation.

Council Member Dernoga suggested that the Committee consider amending the bill for purposes of permitting these uses in other zones in addition to the E-I-A Zone. Mr. Dernoga commented that in the interest of looking to further policy, it might be appropriate to allow the uses in other zones that are also office or technology oriented. After discussion of the suggestion, the Committee determined that it could be considered at a later time.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

Reducing/exercise salons or health clubs are permitted in the C-S-C (Commercial Shopping Center) and C-M (Commercial Miscellaneous) Zones and also in all Industrial Zones. This bill amends the Comprehensive Design Zones Use Tables to permit reducing/exercise salons or health clubs in the E-I-A (Employment and Institutional Area) Zone.

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