Reference No: CB-36-1991

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Draft No:

Prince George's

Meeting Date: 5/21/91

County Council

Requester: MC

Item Title: An Ordinance for the purpose of permitting

the keeping of pigeons in the R-55 Zone, provided the use was in existence prior to

P&Z

June 30, 1987.

Sponsors MC

Date Presented 4/16/91 Executive Action Effective Date

Committee Referral(1) 4/16/91 Committee Action (1) 4/25/91 FAV(A)

DATE: 4/25/91

Date Introduced

4/30/91

Pub. Hearing Date (1) 5/21/91 1:30 PM

Council Action

(1) 5/21/91 Enacted

Council Votes

CA: N_, B_: N_, C_: A_, D_: A_, F_: A_, MC: A_,

M : N_, P_: N_, WI: A_, __: __, __: __, __: __

Pass/Fail

Remarks

Mary Lane

Resource

Drafter: Committee Director

Personnel:

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-1-0 (In favor: Council Members

Del Giudice, Fletcher, MacKinnon and Wineland; in

opposition: Council Member Casula).

This legislation permits the keeping of pigeons in the R-55 Zone, provided the use was in existence prior to June 1987. June, 1987 is the date upon which the provisions which permitted this use in the R-55 Zone, by Special Exception, were terminated.

The M-NCPPC opposes the bill, as does the Association of Realtors and the Municipal Association. Karen Plumber, representing the Municipal Association, noted the absence of enforcement guidelines, health

standards, and permitting regulations, as well as the impact of this use on neighbors in the smaller lot zones. Edward Burton spoke in support of the legislation. In response to concerns regarding the small size of lots in the R-55 Zone, the sponsor proposed an amendment requiring a lot size exceeding 12,000 square feet. This is almost twice the size of a standard R-55 Zone lot.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT (Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

CB-45-1987, which took effect on June 23, 1987, terminated the provisions which permitted, by Special Exception, the keeping of homing or racing pigeons in certain single-family zones. This legislation permits the keeping of pigeons in the R-55 Zone, provided the use was in existence prior to June 30, 1987.