

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-023-2025

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 03/18/2025

Action: FAVORABLE

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable, 10–0 (In favor: Chair Ivey, Council Members, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Dernoga, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson)

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole (COW) on March 18, 2025, to consider CR-023-2025 and voted 10–0 favorably on the Resolution.

On Tuesday, March 18, 2025, the County Council introduced CR-023-2025, a Resolution for the purpose of approving the enactment of Ordinance O-1-25, amending Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Bowie, concerning municipal zoning authority.

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Director gave an overview of the Resolution, including the relevant background. Section 25-301 of the Land Use Article permits the District Council to delegate certain land use powers of the District Council to the governing body of a municipal corporation within the Prince George's County portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District. Under State law, this process requires a municipal corporation to enact an eligible ordinance after notice and public hearing and transmit each municipal enactment to the District Council for review and approval. District Council approval of any such municipal ordinance is required for the law to take effect.

This Resolution will approve the enactment of a City of Bowie Ordinance which repeals and re-enacts Chapter 26, Article II of the City Code to reflect changes required due to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and CB-15-2024, the most recent legislative update to the County Zoning Ordinance.

Council Member Watson, the sponsor of the Resolution, explained that the purpose of the legislation is to ensure that the City of Bowie's Ordinance is consistent with the Prince George's County Code.

On motion of Council Watson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, the County Council Committee of the Whole voted 10–0 for a favorable recommendation as to CR-023-2025.