



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 4/8/2025

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Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Dernoga and Ivey

Sponsor(s): Dernoga and Ivey

Item Title: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING USE REGULATIONS - PRESERVING ACCESS TO OPIOID TREATMENT SERVICES for the purpose of defining opioid treatment centers as a new principal use type; establish 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; and establishing off-street parking requirements for this new 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.		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:27-6305 27-5102 27-5101 27-2500

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, 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