

## Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 9/25/2007  
**Reference No.:** CR-057-2007  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Proposer(s):** Olson  
**Sponsor(s):** Olson  
**Item Title:** A Resolution approving the enactment of Ordinance 07-O-14 amending Chapters 87 and 110 of the City of College Park Code concerning fences.

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**Drafter:** Karen T. Zavakos, Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:** Dannielle Glaros, Legislative Aide

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>		<b>Executive Action:</b>
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	7/24/2007 - PZED	<b>Effective Date:</b>
<b>Committee Action:</b>	9/19/2007 - FAV	
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	7/24/2007	
<b>Public Hearing:</b>		
<b>Council Action (1)</b>	9/25/2007 - ADOPTED	
<b>Council Votes:</b>	MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A	
<b>Pass/Fail:</b>	P	
<b>Remarks:</b>		

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Date 9/19/2007**

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Dean, Bland, Exum, and Harrington)

Staff explained that the resolution approves an amendment to Chapter 87 of the City of College Park Code fences. The City adopted Ordinance 07-0-14 on June 12, 2007 for the purpose of clarifying certain terms and scope of the fence ordinance as well as to allow for appeal of fence variance recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. Section 8-112.1 of Article 28 of the Maryland Annotated Code requires District Council approval of the City's ordinance before it becomes effective.

Council Member Olson informed the Committee that this Ordinance also provides regulations for chain link fences in front yards, the removal of shrubs less than four feet in height from the current definition of fences, as well as clarification concerning approval of new retaining walls in front yards.

The Office of Law reviewed CR-57-2007 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

Section 8-112.1 of Article 28 of the Maryland Annotated Code authorizes municipalities within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District to enact certain ordinances, including the regulation of fences, subject to the approval of the District Council. The proposed resolution approves the regulation of fences enacted by the City of College Park.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

I-CR-57-2007 Attachment A.pdf

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