

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 7/1/2008
Reference No.: CR-027-2008
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): Bland, Knotts
Sponsor(s): Bland, Knotts
Item Title: A Resolution repealing the designation of the Bradford Pear Tree (*Pyrus Calleryriana*) as the official tree of Prince George's County

Drafter: Todd M. Turner, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Joseph Pollard, Constituent Service Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:		Executive Action:
Committee Referral:	4/22/2008 - THE	Effective Date:
Committee Action:	6/12/2008 - FAV(A)	
Date Introduced:	4/22/2008	
Public Hearing:		
Council Action (1)	7/1/2008 - ADOPTED	
Council Votes:	MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:-, AH:A, TK:-, EO:A, IT:A	
Pass/Fail:	P	
Remarks:		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIROMENT COMMITTEE

Date 6/12/2008

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Olson, Bland, Exum and Harrison).

Staff summarized the purpose of the resolution. CR-27-2008 repeals the designation of the Bradford Pear Tree (*Pyrus Calleryriana*) as the official tree of Prince Georges County.

A representative from the Prince George's County Master Gardners spoke in support of the resolution.

The Office of Law determined that CR-27-2008 was in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there will be minimal fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-27-2008.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

Prince George's County had designated the Bradford Pear Tree (*Pyrus Calleryana*) in the 1970s as the County Tree for Prince George's County. Because of ecological and maintenance concerns raised regarding the Bradford Pear Tree, this resolution seek to repeal this designation and establishes a workgroup of interested stakeholders, including County and Planning Department staff, to review the Prince George's County Master Gardeners' proposal for the Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amerlanchier laevis*) and make a recommendation to the County Executive and County Council for designation of an official County Tree.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
