



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 6/6/2017 **Effective Date:** 6/6/2017
Reference No.: CB-030-2017 **Chapter Number:** 16
Draft No.: 3 **Public Hearing Date:** 6/6/2017 @10:00 a.m.
Proposer(s): Glaros and Harrison
Sponsor(s): Glaros, Harrison, Toles, Lehman, Turner and Davis
Item Title: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PROHIBITED COMMERCIAL USE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY for the purpose of restricting certain commercial uses in Residential Zone property not otherwise expressly provided for in Section 27-441.

Drafter: Office of Council Member Glaros
Resource Personnel: Major Robert Liberati #1345, Police Department

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/28/2017	County Council	presented and referred	PZED
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Glaros and referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee		
04/19/2017	PZED	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Toles, seconded by Council Member Glaros, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 4 Harrison, Franklin, Glaros and Toles Absent: 1 Patterson		
04/25/2017	County Council	amended (1)	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Vice Chair Glaros, seconded by Council Member Toles, for Amendment #1 to CB-30-2017 (DR-2). The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 8 Davis, Glaros, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Toles and Turner Absent: 1 Taveras		

04/25/2017 County Council introduced

Action Text:

Draft 3 of this Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Glaros, Harrison, Toles, Lehman, Turner and Davis.

06/06/2017 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

The public hearing was held for this Council Bill.

06/06/2017 County Council rules suspended

Action Text:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Glaros, seconded by Council Member Turner, that the Council Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow for an effective date on the date of enactment of this Bill. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 Davis, Glaros, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras, Toles and Turner

06/06/2017 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Glaros, seconded by Council Member Turner, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 Davis, Glaros, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras, Toles and Turner

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

This legislation will prohibit use of residential properties for parties, events, assemblies, or gatherings open to the public in return for the payment of a cover charge or the sale of goods or services. The Police Department and other County Agencies have responded to numerous complaints from residents concerning these events. This misuse of residential property is adversely impacting the surrounding residential neighborhoods with increasing criminal activity (including homicides, robberies, and other violent crimes), litter, noise, and traffic by inhibiting ingress and egress of vehicles (including emergency vehicles) in these residential neighborhoods.

Private residences are increasingly being rented-out or used to promote for-profit events including parties. These events sometimes include hundreds of guests and are promoted on social media throughout the region as pool parties, birthday parties, or other event names. The advertised charge ranges from \$20 to \$100 (or more) per person. Frequently, alcohol is sold and illegal drugs are available. There is often no insurance for patrons and little or no security. Neighborhoods are overrun with traffic, trash, and intoxicated patrons. Many times these events end in violent acts and have resulted in murders, robberies, other crimes and accidental deaths. County Agencies spend hundreds of hours attempting to prevent, investigate, and clean-up trash from these events.

This legislation allows the Police Department or Code Inspector to issue an immediate order to cease

and desist the prospectively planned prohibited activity to the owner, lessee, resident or apparent occupier of the property, and posting the front door of the property. If the event has occurred the official levies a fine with an increased fine for multiple offenses.

4/25/2017: Prior to introduction CB-30-2017 (DR-2) was amended as follows:

1. On page 4, in Lines 7-8, strike “Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)” and insert “One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)” in lieu thereof.

CB-30-2017 (DR-3) was introduced.

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