

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 2/18/97

Reference No.: CR-6-1997

Proposer: Del Giudice

Draft No.: 3

Sponsors: Del Giudice, Russell, Wilson, Scott, Gourdine, Estepp, MacKinnon

Item Title: A Resolution to suspend the approval and issuance of use and occupancy permits and secondhand dealer permits to operate a pawn shop in the County pending consideration of proposed legislation to regulate the number and location of pawn shops

Drafter: Ralph E. Grutzmacher
Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Therese Yewell
Council Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__ __

Committee Referral:(1) 1/28/97 PZED

Effective Date: __/__/__

Committee Action:(1) 1/29/97 FAV (A)

Date Introduced: 1/28/97

Pub. Hearing Date: (1) 2/18/97 1:45 P.M.

Council Action: (1) 2/18/97 Adopted

Council Votes: DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, AMc:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

2/18/97 - Amended on the Floor

PLANNING, ZONING & ECON. DEV. COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 1/29/97

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Del Giudice, MacKinnon, Maloney, Russell and Wilson).

CR-6-1997 suspends the filing, acceptance, processing, and issuance of new secondhand dealer licenses as of January 29, 1997; and new use and occupancy permits for pawn shops as of the

effective date of the resolution. The resolution will become effective upon the concurrence of the

County Executive.

The Committee considered CR-6-1996 following a lengthy discussion regarding alternatives for regulating pawn shops. This discussion included representatives from the Police Department, Department of Environmental Resources, Planning Department, and the Office of Business and Regulatory Affairs. The representatives described the role of their agencies in regulating pawn shops, and discussed some of the problems they are experiencing.

There was some question regarding the actual number of licensed pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers operating in the County , which is stated in the resolution as 61 and 39, respectively. Staff was asked to amend the resolution accordingly, and to make several other technical amendments recommended by the Office of Law. There was some discussion of an amendment to allow the issuance of seven pending licenses for which use and occupancy permits have already been issued. There was no action taken on the proposed amendment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

The proposed resolution would suspend the issuance of business licenses for secondhand dealers during the consideration by the Council of proposed legislation to regulate the number and location of pawn shops. Currently, pawn shops are included with the definition of secondhand dealers.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: