

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-57-2020

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**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 07/15/2020

**Action:** FAV (A)

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 10-0 (In favor: Council Members: Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter and Taveras. Absent: Council Member Ivey)

The Committee of the Whole met on July 15 to consider CR-57-2020. After staff overview, the Principle Council to the District Council and the Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner informed the Committee that the proposed District Council Rules changes contained in this Resolution would be setting procedures for quasi-judicial and administrative hearings to occur virtually or remotely and includes procedures on notice, participation, objections, and document submittal.

Council Member Dernoga informed the Committee that he met with staff to discuss concerns prior to this committee meeting. As a result of the meeting, staff prepared potential amendments to address concerns regarding the authorization of virtual meetings, the body that determines impracticality of meeting in person, clarification on the types of documents submitted, and the submittal of supplemental documents. After further discussion, Council Member Dernoga proposed Amendment #1 as follows:

1. In Attachment A on page 3, under section 2.1, in the second sentence after “Council” strike the remainder of the sentence and insert “, Zoning Hearing Examiner and Board of Appeals may meet to consider zoning matters virtually or remotely in accordance with these Rules of Procedure.”
2. In Attachment A on page 3, under section 6.6, in the second sentence of the first paragraph, strike “Where” and insert “When the District Council determines that it is” before “impractical”
3. In Attachment A on page 3, under section 6.6 subsection A, in the second paragraph, strike “relevant” before “documents” in the first line and in the third line.
4. In Attachment A on page 3, under section 6.6 subsection C, insert “With permission from the Zoning Hearing Examiner or the Board of Appeals, a party may submit supplemental documents for the record.” after the last sentence of the paragraph.

After a brief discussion of the proposed amendment by Council Members Dernoga, Glaros, and Turner, Council Member Glaros moved Amendment #1, seconded by Council Member Dernoga. The Committee voted 10-0 on Amendment #1.

On a motion by Council Member Dernoga, and second by Council Member Hawkins, the Committee of the Whole voted 10-0 on CR-57-2020 as amended.