

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 10/28/2014
Reference No.: CB-072-2014
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): Olson
Sponsor(s): Olson, Campos, Patterson
Item Title: An Ordinance concerning home occupations for the purpose of amending the definition of home occupation to include the practice of acupuncture.

Drafter: Jackie Brown, PZED Committee Director
Resource Personnel: Dannielle Glaros, Chief of Staff District 3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	9/2/2014	Executive Action:	
Committee Referral:	9/2/2014 - PZED	Effective Date:	12/15/2014
Committee Action:	9/17/2014 - FAV		
Date Introduced:	9/30/2014		
Public Hearing:	10/28/2014 - 10:30 AM		
Council Action (1)	10/28/2014 - ENACTED		
Council Votes:	WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:-, ML:-, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A		
Pass/Fail:	P		
Remarks:			

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

27-107.01

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development

Date 9/17/2014

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Campos, Harrison and Olson)

Staff summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the committee of written referral comments that were received. CB-72-2014 amends the Zoning Ordinance definition of "home occupation" to include the practice of acupuncture as a permitted use.

Council Member Olson, the bill's sponsor, informed the committee that this bill will facilitate the ability for an acupuncturist to provide acupuncture services as a home based business. Mr. Olson informed the Committee that the practice of acupuncture is a growing field and this clarification is necessary to allow the use as a home occupation.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-72-2014 and determined that the bill is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The Planning Board supports the legislation and recommended that the Committee may want to consider defining the acupuncture use in Section 27-107.01 (Definitions) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Council Member Olson informed the Committee that he is reviewing language for a possible amendment to

CB-72-2014 to include a definition of acupuncture as recommended by the Planning Board. The amendment could be considered at the time of introduction of the legislation. The committee voted favorable on the legislation as drafted.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This bill amends the definition of Home Occupation to include the practice of acupuncture as a permitted home occupation use.

9/30/2014: Prior to introduction CB-72-2014 was amended as follows:

1. On Page 2, after Line 3, add the following text:

(3.1) Acupuncture: A medical practice or procedure that treats illness by the insertion of needles at specified sites of the body. The use may include treatment for humans or animals. The acupuncture of animals by a licensed acupuncturist requires certification from the Maryland University of Integrative Health.

CB-72-2014 (DR-2) was introduced.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
