

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-084-2017
Draft No.: 2
Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Date: 9/27/2017
Action: FAV (A)

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Franklin, Glaros, and Patterson)

The Committee Director provided an overview of the legislation and informed the Committee of written referral comments that were received. Council Member Franklin, the bill's sponsor, explained that CB-84-2017 is intended to clarify that Planning Board review of permits is advisory. Mr. Franklin commented the bill provided clarification that if the Planning Board places a permit on hold, the hold status does not preclude the permit from proceeding through the process.

The Planning Board took no position on the legislation. The Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) submitted a comment indicating that the legislation will impact vertical and horizontal plans review operation and retention and DPIE staff does not review plans under Subtitle 27. The Office of Law reviewed CB-84-2017 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) suggested a clarifying amendment on page 3, line 29 as follows: after "are advisory only and", strike "are not necessary preconditions" and insert "shall not be a prerequisite".

The Committee voted favorable including the amendment suggested by the ZHE.