

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2015 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-043-2015
Draft No.: 2
Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Date: July 15, 2015
Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

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

Council staff summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the committee of referral comments that were received. This legislation amends the Zoning Ordinance to permit a public safety fraternal organization private club in the R-E (Residential Estate) Zone without a special exception if it is located on a lot or parcel having a gross tract area of at least 5 acres.

Council Member Davis, the bill's sponsor, informed the Committee that CB-43-2015 facilitates the alteration of a public safety private club which the Code does not currently allow without a special exception or revision to a special exception.

The Planning Board took no position on the legislation. The Office of Law reviewed CB-43-2015 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The Zoning Hearing Examiner provided written comments recommending clarifying language in the new footnote 102 to remove the word "existing" to ensure the use is treated uniformly throughout the R-E Zone.

The Committee voted favorable on the legislation including the recommendation by the Zoning Hearing Examiner to clarify and add new language in footnote 102 as follows:

"For a public safety fraternal organization private club located on a lot or parcel having a gross tract area of at least (5) acres, any alteration, enlargement, extension, or revision of the special exception use shall not require the filing and approval of a special exception application."

Matthew Tedesco, representing FOP #89, testified in support of the legislation.