

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

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**Meeting Date:** 5/21/2002

**Reference No.:** CB-10-2002

**Proposer:** Estep

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Estep

**Item Title:** An Ordinance providing additional criteria for amendments to health campus site plans

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**Drafter:** Jackie Brown, Director  
PZED Committee

**Resource** John D. Timms  
**Personnel:** Legislative Aide

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 3/5/2002

**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Committee Referral:** 3/5/2002 PZED

**Effective Date:** 7/8/2002

**Committee Action:** 3/27/2002 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 4/9/2002

**Public Hearing:** 5/21/2002 10:00 A.M.

**Council Action:** 5/21/2002 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** PS:A, DB:-, TD:A, JE:A, TH:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:-

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC. DEV. COM. REPORT**

DATE: 3/27/02

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Russell, Bailey, Hendershot and Shapiro).

This legislation amends Section 27-362 of the Ordinance to allow the Planning Board to approve certain minor changes to health campus site plans in addition to those currently authorized in this section.

The bill's sponsor explained that CB-10-2002 allows Planning Board approval of minor changes to the site plan for Southern Maryland Hospital Center that would normally require a lengthy review process. The changes proposed to the site plan are for the purpose of an expansion to the hospital's emergency room which is currently undersized and outdated for serving the needs of the increasing volume of patients.

The Planning Board supports the bill. The County Executive takes no position on the legislation. The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law find the bill to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations determined there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-10-2002. It should be noted, however, that changes or amendments to the Zoning Ordinance have an unpredictable future affect on the County that may cause fiscal impact in later years. There are a number of variables which may be affected by Zoning Ordinance changes that cannot be determined at this time.

Dr. Francis Chiamonte, President and Chief Executive Officer, Southern Maryland Hospital Center, spoke in support of the legislation.

Staff suggested minor amendments to the bill as follows: on page 2, line 9, bracket the word “either” and insert “any” and also on page 2, line 10, change “exist” to “exists.” The Committee accepted these amendments for inclusion in Draft-2 of the bill.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

In general, amendments to a site plan for a health campus must be approved by the District Council. The Planning Board is allowed to approve minor changes to these site plans in certain circumstances. This legislation provides additional criteria allowing Planning Board approval of certain amendments.

## **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**