

Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/10/2015
Reference No.: CB-098-2015
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): Glaros
Sponsor(s): Glaros
Item Title: An Ordinance concerning Private Schools for the purpose of permitting additional uses on a private school campus, including medical uses, under certain circumstances.

Drafter: Karen T. Zvakos, Zoning and Legislative Counsel
Resource Personnel: Aimee Olivo, Legislative Aide Council District 3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	10/6/2015	Executive Action:
Committee Referral:	10/6/2015 - PZED	Effective Date: 12/28/2015
Committee Action:	10/7/2015 - FAV(A)	
Date Introduced:	10/13/2015	
Public Hearing:	11/10/2015 - 11:00 AM	
Council Action (1)	11/10/2015 - ENACTED	
Council Votes:	DLD:A, MRF:A, DG:A, AH:A, ML:A, OP:A, DT:A, KT:A, TT:A	
Pass/Fail:	P	
Remarks:		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

27-396

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development

Date 10/7/2015

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Davis, Glaros, Taveras and Toles)

Council staff summarized the purpose of the legislation. Council Member Glaros, the bill's sponsor, commented that CB-98-2015 is intended to facilitate the reuse of vacant buildings as medical uses with an educational mission on the 62-acre Washington Bible College campus.

Rana Hightower, representing the Planning Board, suggested an amendment on page 2, line 7 to insert the word "separate" before "Special Exception" to clarify that the Special Exception for the private school is not associated with the Health Campus which also requires a Special Exception. The Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner suggested deletion of the phrase "or for an 'educational institution, private'" on page 2, lines 7 and 9. This term was initially included in the legislation because the original Special Exception for the bible college use was approved as an "educational institution, private"; however, the use is now classified as "private school" in the Zoning Ordinance.

Thomas Haller and Brian McLaughlan testified in support of the legislation.

The committee voted favorable including the amendments suggested by the Planning Board and the Chief Zoning

Hearing Examiner.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This bill will permit an additional medical use to locate on the campus of an existing private school, without requiring an amendment to the special exception approved for the private school use, under certain specific circumstances, namely that the new use will be located within a building on the campus constructed before January 1, 2015.

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