

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-048-2020

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 06/02/2020

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 10-1 (In favor: Council Members: Turner, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, and Streeter. Oppose: Council Member Taveras.)

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, to consider CR-48-2020, a Resolution concerning Eating and Drinking Establishments—Zoning Regulations—Outdoor Seating—Temporary Authorization. Staff summarized the purpose of the legislation, which is to implement the directives for reopening of eating and drinking establishments in Prince George's County.

Joseph Ruddy, Deputy County Attorney from the Office of Law explained the rationale for the temporary suspension of restrictions on the use of newly created or expanded outdoor seating on adjacent exterior space or shared exterior space for existing eating and drinking establishments that are lawful.

Council Member Taveras raised a concern about the ability to revoke the temporary use of exterior seating if new COVID-19 cases occur in certain defined areas within the County.

The Office of Law and Council staff pointed out that the resolution expressly retains the right to revoke the temporary authorization if warranted.

After further discussion of the legislation by members, the Committee voted 10-1 for a Favorable Recommendation as to CR-48-2020 (DR-1) (No: Taveras).