

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-017-2020

Draft No.: 1

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 06/04/2020

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable (11–0) (In favor: Council Members Turner, Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, and Taveras).

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on Thursday, June 4, 2020, to consider CB-17-2020. The Council's Zoning and Legislative Counsel summarized the legislation that was proposed by the County Executive, stating that the bill repeals, wholesale, Subtitle 24A of the County Code relating to Television and Radio Equipment Repair, stating that the enactment of the legislation will cease the County's regulation and licensing of Television and Radio Equipment Repair businesses.

The Office of Law submitted a memorandum on February 10, 2020, stating that the bill was in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Council's Office of Audits and Investigations submitted a Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement dated June 2, 2020, stating that repealing the license requirement for Television and Radio Equipment Repair facilities would result in a minimal negative fiscal impact on the County in the amount of lost application fees, as there has only been one application in the past five (5) years and the County has only one (1) licensed operator at present. Moreover, these licensing provisions were enacted in 1974 and have had only minor substantive amendments since that time.

Melinda Bolling, Director of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, as well as Lori Parris and Heidi Stearlings of DPIE were present to answer questions from the Committee. Council Chair Turner inquired whether the sole licensee would still be able to operate if the provisions repealed. Ms. Stearlings responded that there are separate State licensing provisions that would ensure the public safety and welfare, and that the repeal of County law would not disrupt any currently licensed business.

The Committee voted 11-0 for a favorable recommendation on CB-17-2020 as drafted.