



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

Effective Date: 1/18/2022

Reference No.: CB-097-2021

Chapter Number: 76

Draft No.: 1

Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): County Executive

Sponsor(s): Hawkins, Turner, Ivey, Glaros, Dernoga, Franklin, Taveras, Davis, Harrison and Anderson-Walker

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS for the purpose of amending certain definitions, clarifying investigative and conciliation procedures, creating the judicial election process, and updating general language to conform with the Federal Fair Housing Act.

Drafter: Renée Battle-Brooks, Executive Director, Office of Human Rights

Resource Personnel: V'Hesspa Glenn, Office of Human Rights
Jose Villegas, Office of Human Rights

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/28/2021	County Council	presented and referred	COW
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by request of the County Executive and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole.		
10/12/2021	COW	Favorably recommended	County Council
	Action Text: A motion was made by Member Glaros, seconded by Member Turner, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 9 Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Taveras and Turner Absent: 2 Franklin and Streeter		
10/19/2021	County Council	introduced	
	Action Text: This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Turner, Ivey, Glaros, Dernoga, Franklin, Taveras, Davis, Harrison, and Anderson-Walker.		
11/16/2021	County Council	public hearing held	
	Action Text: This Council Bill public hearing was held.		

11/16/2021 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Glaros, seconded by Council Member Davis, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 Hawkins, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Taveras and Turner

Absent: 2 Anderson-Walker and Streeter

12/02/2021 County Executive signed

Action Text:

This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

02-218 02-217 02-214 02-213 02-212 02-211.01 02-211 02-210 02-203 02-201 02-191
02-186

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Human Rights’ proposed amendments are intended to amend Division 12-Office of Human Rights of the Prince George’s County Code. The goal of this amendment is to ensure substantial equivalency with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)’s Fair Housing Act. By having substantially equivalent language, Prince George’s County’s Office of Human Rights will be able to apply for certification as a HUD Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP), which gives the authority to receive and investigate federal housing discrimination complaints at the local agency level.

Document(s): B2021097, CB-097-2021 Transmittal Letter, CB-097-2021 Report