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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Prince George's County Council Planning, Housing & Economic Development Committee

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**SUBJECT:** **CB-85-2024**

The purpose of this memorandum is to offer the Planning Department's comments on the proposed CB-85-2024 (DR-2) that are currently pending as of October 4, 2024.

After reviewing the proposed legislation, the Department notes that the following definitions, "*Accepted by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission*" and "*Approved by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission,*" do not otherwise appear in Division 6. Hence, creating definitions serves no purpose and contravenes drafting conventions in the County Code. Furthermore, defining "acceptance" by MNCPPC to mean whenever "DPIE accepts an application" is not appropriate, and defining "approved" by MNCPPC as when whenever the County's building official accepts an application is also not appropriate.

Lastly, the Planning Department does not accept applications or approve permits in Subtitle 4 (including waivers from Universal Design requirements).

Additional recommendations are made as follows:

- The term "accessibility" is not used in Division 6, while the term "accessible," on the other hand, is used throughout Division 6. Recommend using the term "accessible" as the definition.
- A provision should be added that allows for a waiver request to be made earlier than the "normal process of obtaining a building permit" if the sponsor wishes the Planning Board to address these issues at the time of site plan review.
- Clarify that any waiver from Universal Design Standards does not reduce the minimum points required for a site plan to comply with the Green Building Standards.

As always, the Planning Department is happy to assist with any questions or revisions the Committee may wish to discuss.