

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 2/24/98

**Reference No.:** CB-8-1998

**Proposer:** Hendershot

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Hendershot, Del Giudice

**Item Title:** An Ordinance allowing eleemosynary or philanthropic institutions in the R-55 and C-S-C Zones under certain circumstances

**Drafter:** Jackie Brown  
PZ&ED Committee Director

**Resource Personnel:** Carol White  
Legislative Aide

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

<b>Date Presented:</b>	1/6/98	<b>Executive Action:</b>	___/___/___
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	1/6/98	<b>Effective Date:</b>	5/4/98
<b>Committee Action:</b>	2/11/98		
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	2/24/98		
<b>Pub. Hearing Date:</b>	3/17/98		
	2:00 PM		

**Council Action:** 3/17/98 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** RVR:A, DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:N, AS:A, MW:N

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANNING, ZONING & ECON. DEV. COM. REPORT**

DATE: 2/11/98

Committee Vote: 2-0-1; favorable as amended (In favor: Council Members Bailey and Del Giudice;  
Abstain: Council Member Maloney)

Staff presented a proposed Draft-2 (DR-2) of the legislation to the Committee. DR-2 contains a technical amendment beginning on line 21, page 1, which includes the following: "as amended by CB-28-1997, CB-44-1997, CB-78-1997, CB-83-1997, and CB-102-1997." Additional amendments in DR-2 are as follows: on line 13, page 1, C-2 is replaced with C-S-C; on page 3, under Subsection (B), 5,000 is replaced with 7,000 and "serving bereaved persons" is replaced with "providing benevolent services." The latter change is also included in Subsection (B) on page 4 of DR-2. Page 6 of DR-1 was also replaced in its entirety in DR-2 to include: (b) Table of Uses I (C-O, C-A, C-S-C,

C-W, C-M and C-R-C Zones). On page 6, Subsection (A) is also amended to replace "serving bereaved persons" with "providing benevolent services."

Council Member Hendershot, the bill's sponsor, distributed copies of a December 29, 1997 *Prince George's Journal* article to the Committee members about the proposed Compassion Center in College Park. Mr. Hendershot explained that the center, which is a non-profit organization, will provide counseling/support for bereaved persons. Mr. Hendershot indicated to the Committee that the City of College Park supports the legislation.

Norman Rivera, representing the Compassion Center and property owner, informed the Committee of the history of the property on which this facility is proposed to be located. Dr. Diana Guetzkow gave the Committee an overview of the services which will be provided at the center. She indicated that there will be no charge for the services provided by the counselors and the center has no funding from the State or the County.

The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law find the bill to be in proper legislative form. The Planning Board supports DR-2 of the bill. The Executive Branch takes no position on the legislation. The Office of Audits and Investigation has determined there should be no negative fiscal impact on the County if the bill is enacted.

Staff suggested an additional amendment to DR-2 which is included in Subsection (B), pages 3 and 4 as follows: Add "For a permitted use," before "Any change in occupant or use shall require Detailed Site Plan approval by the District Council." This clarifies that other properties which satisfy the criteria of Subsection (B) and are required to obtain a Special Exception are not also required to obtain Detailed Site Plan approval for a change in occupant or use.

The Committee moved a favorable recommendation on DR-2 including the amendments suggested by staff during the worksession.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

Eleemosynary or philanthropic institutions are permitted by Special Exception in all residential zones and by right in the R-R Zone under certain circumstances. This legislation allows this use by right in the R-55 and C-2 Zones under certain circumstances.

## **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**