

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 5/8/2012  
**Reference No.:** CB-010-2012  
**Draft No.:** 3  
**Proposer(s):** Davis  
**Sponsor(s):** Davis, Franklin, Campos  
**Item Title:** An Ordinance defining tattoo parlor and permitting this use in certain commercial and industrial zones.

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**Drafter:** Jackie Brown, PZED Committee Director  
**Resource Personnel:** Nellvenia W. Johnson, Legislative Aide District 6

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>	2/21/2012	<b>Executive Action:</b>	
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	2/21/2012 - PZED	<b>Effective Date:</b>	5/8/2012
<b>Committee Action:</b>	3/21/2012 - FAV(A)		
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	4/3/2012		
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	5/8/2012 - 10:00 AM		
<b>Council Action (1)</b>	5/8/2012 - ENACTED		
<b>Council Votes:</b>	WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A		
<b>Pass/Fail:</b>	P		
<b>Remarks:</b>			

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

27-107.01, 27-461, 27-473

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### PZED Committee Report

**Date 3/21/2012**

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Franklin, Harrison, Patterson and Toles)

Staff gave an overview of the legislation and informed the committee of written referral comments that were received. CB-10-2012 amends the Zoning Ordinance to add a definition for tattoo parlor and to allow this use in the C-S-C (Commercial Shopping Center), C-M (Commercial Miscellaneous) and I-1 (Light Industrial) Zones.

Council Member Davis, the bill's sponsor, informed the committee that this legislation is necessary to clearly define a use that has been categorized in the Zoning Ordinance as a specialty store. Mr. Davis explained that in defining the new use and listing it in the use tables, CB-10-2012 facilitates the location of a new business in his district.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-10-2012 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The Department of Environmental Resources submitted correspondence indicating no position on the legislation.

The Planning Board supports the legislation with amendments to the definition of “tattoo parlor” as follows. On page 2, line 3, delete the word “placing” and add the words “body piercing” before the word “or”. On line 5, add the words “or piercing” after the word “coloration”. The amended definition will clarify that a tattoo parlor can also provide body piercing.

Mr. Douglas Smith addressed the committee in support of CB-10-2012 and requested that the legislation be made effective at the earliest possible date.

The committee voted favorable on the legislation including the Planning Board recommended amendments to the definition.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

A Tattoo Parlor is not currently defined or listed as a use in the Zoning Ordinance; however, the use exists in some locations in the County. The use has been classified under other categories such as art studio (services) and specialty store.

This legislation clarifies the Zoning Ordinance by defining tattoo parlor, listing tattoo parlor in the use table, and permitting the use in certain commercial and industrial zones. Clarifying the use in the Zoning Ordinance will assist small businesses with locating in the County.

4/3/2012: CB-10-2012 (DR-2) was amended on the floor to provide for an effective date on date of adoption.  
CB-2-2012 (DR-3) was introduced.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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