

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-017-2021

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** Committee of the Whole

**Date:** 3/25/2021

**Action:** FAV (A)

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**REPORT:** Favorable as amended 11-0: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner.

The Prince George's County Council was presented with CB-017-2021 on March 2, 2021, and it was referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW) on March 25, 2021. CB-017-2021, an act concerning Food Halls Occupancy and Operations would establish a business license for a Special Food Service Facility – Food Hall. Currently, there is not a definition or permitted use in the existing code for a food hall operation.

If approved, this bill would add definitions and update state regulations relative to health and food service facilities in Subtitle 12. Subtitle 4 of the Building Code would also be amended. As expressed in this legislation, the requirements of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the State and County health laws are at the discretion of the Health Officer. The Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE) may also take an enforcement action against the holder of the Master Use and Occupancy Permit or any vendor conducting business under the Master Use and Occupancy Permit.

Ms. Terry Bell, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive, expressed the County Executive's support and has been working with the Health Department, and DPIE who are also in support. Language has been added to the legislation that reflects those discussions and are incorporated in Draft 2.

The Policy Analysis and Fiscal Note states that enactment of CB-017-2021 could have a positive indirect fiscal impact, as a successful Food Hall establishment could promote economic development in the surrounding area, and support fledgling businesses, resulting in increased tax revenue to the County.

The Office of Law finds CB-017-2021, Draft 2 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole voted CB-17-2021 out favorable as amended, 11-0.