

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-077-2025

Draft No.: 2

Committee: PLANNING, HOUSING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 10/02/2025

Action: FAVORABLE WITH
AMENDMENTS

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Oriadha, Adams-Stafford, Hawkins, and Olson)

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee met on October 2, 2025, to consider CB-077-2025. PHED Committee Director Rana Hightower summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed committee members about public comments and feedback received from agencies within Prince George's County

As presented on September 16, 2025, Draft-1 of the bill is for the purpose of providing that the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement is required at the time a County use and occupancy permit application is made to provide a certain municipality with certain documents; and generally regarding use and occupancy permits in Prince George's County.

The bill sponsor, Council Member Oriadha, spoke with the current Administration regarding the proposed legislation, and an agreement was reached to amend the bill to require applicants to notify municipalities of use and occupancy permit applications, rather than the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE). Additionally, DPIE will work on incorporating part of the application to serve as an affidavit, affirming that the municipality has been notified.

The Planning Board voted to take no position on the legislation. The legislation would impact all properties in Prince George's County requesting approval of a Use and Occupancy.

Ms. Hernandez, from the Office of Law, determined that the legislation was in proper legislative form and presented no legal impediments to its enactment.

Ms. Owens, with the County Executive's Office, stated that County Executive Braveboy's recommendation was in line with the suggestion made by DPIE to resolve the concern internally by updating the website to permit a certification that the municipalities are notified, and if the fix does not work, introduce the legislation in the next session to resolve the concern.

Ms. Parris, with DPIE, thanked Vice Chair Oriadha for the opportunity to discuss the bill. She explained that the permit application online can be amended to state that the applicant has attested to having notified the municipalities.

Vice Chair Oriadha requested to amend the legislation to replace the phrase "Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement" with "the applicant" in several places: specifically, on page 1, line 3; page 3, lines 3 and 5; and page 4, line 12. The PHED Committee voted 5-0 in favor of the amendment.

On motion of Vice Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Olson, the PHED Committee voted 5-0 in favor of CB-077-2025 (DR-2)