

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-048-2021

Draft No.: 2

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 5/11/2021

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments - 11-0. (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker; Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner)

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on May 11, 2021 to discuss CR-48-2021 a resolution continuing the emergency declaration adopted by the governing body on March 30, 2021, CR-33-2021 and continued by the County Executive as set forth in Executive Order 8-2021 dated March 11, 2021.

Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, gave an overview of the resolution. She stated that the declaration of emergency shall stay in effect through June 28, 2021 from its effective date of May 17, 2021 unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or as extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body.

Dr. George Askew, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services and Dr. Ernest Carter, Health Officer, also briefed the Committee on the status of COVID-19 efforts in the County and the need to continue the emergency declaration. The Committee discussed issues involving loosening restrictions on the maximum capacity of most establishments and recommending social distancing; proof of vaccinations and enforcement around senior centers; clarification on wearing face coverings outdoors; guidance regarding capacity at the Bowie Baysox stadium and for school graduations; and a possible partnership with Six Flags to offer an incentive to get 12-16 year olds vaccinated. An amendment was offered to extend the effective date to 60 days through July 9, 2021. After a robust discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable as amended on CR-48-2021, 11-0.