Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/20/2012 **Reference No.:** CB-106-2012

Draft No.: 1

Proposer(s): Patterson

Sponsor(s): Patterson, Harrison, Davis

Item Title: An Ordinance amending certain provisions for check cashing businesses.

Drafter: Jackie Brown, PZED Committee Director **Resource Personnel:** Ellis Watson, Chief of Staff District 8

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: Executive Action:

Committee Referral: 10/16/2012 - PZED **Effective Date:** 1/7/2013

Committee Action: 11/7/2012 - FAV

Date Introduced: 10/16/2012

Public Hearing: 11/20/2012 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/20/2012 - ENACTED

Council Votes: WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:-, OP:A, IT:A, KT:-

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

27-461, 27-473, 27-547

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PZED Committee Report Date 11/7/2012

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0-1 (In favor: Council Members Franklin, Harrison, Patterson and Toles. Abstain: Council Member Olson.)

Council staff summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the committee of written referral comments that were received. Council Member Patterson, the bill's sponsor, indicated that he sponsored CB-106-2012 to grandfather check cashing businesses which had a valid state license prior to September 1, 2009 to allow transfer of tenancy or ownership without a special exception requirement.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-106-2012 and found it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The Planning Board supports the legislation.

Mitchell Levy and Mike Smith, business owners, testified in support of the legislation.

A discussion was held concerning businesses that are currently operating as another primary use which does not require a special exception, but also have check cashing services. The committee discussed the potential need to address these situations by means of separate legislation.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT: (Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements) This legislation amends the Zoning Ordinance provisions for check cashing businesses relative to changes in tenancy or ownership.
CODE INDEX TOPICS:
INCLUSION FILES: