Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/17/2015 **Reference No.:** CB-097-2015

Draft No.: 1

Proposer(s): Park & Planning

Sponsor(s): Franklin

Item Title: An Ordinance for the purpose of amending certain Planning Board notice and technical staff

reports requirements.

Drafter: M-NCPPC Staff /Karen T. Zavakos

Resource Personnel: M-NCPPC Staff

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 10/6/2015 **Executive Action:**

Committee Referral: 10/6/2015 - PZED **Effective Date:** 1/4/2016

Committee Action: 10/7/2015 - FAV

Date Introduced: 10/20/2015

Public Hearing: 11/17/2015 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/17/2015 - ENACTED

Council Votes: DLD:A, MRF:A, DG:A, AH:-, ML:A, OP:A, DT:A, KT:A, TT:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

27-125.04, 27-125.05, 27-153, 27-169, 27-189

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date 10/7/2015

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Glaros, Davis, Taveras, and Toles)

Council staff summarized the purpose of CB-97-2015 and informed the Committee that the legislation was transmitted by the Planning Board for the Council's consideration. Rana Hightower, representing the Planning Board, was present to provide additional background as provided in the Planning Board's transmittal and to respond to questions.

CB-97-2015 proposes to amend provisions in the Zoning Ordinance regarding notice of development applications and technical staff reports. Currently, the Planning Board is required to mail out a list of all development applications filed but may charge a fee to cover the costs of postage and handling. In addition, the Planning Board is required to mail out technical staff reports no less than two weeks prior to the scheduled public hearing. This legislation will require the Planning Board to publish on its website a list of all applications filed and technical staff reports. The bill also permits any person to request a copy of the documents to be mailed upon written request for a reasonable fee.

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The Committee voted favorable on CB-97-2015 as drafted.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This legislation amends provisions in the Zoning Ordinance regarding notice of development applications filed and technical staff reports. Currently, the Planning Board is required to mail out a list of all development applications filed each month but may charge a nominal fee to cover the costs of postage and handling. In addition, the Planning Board is required to mail out technical staff reports no less than two weeks prior to the scheduled Planning Board hearing.

This legislation will require the Planning Board to publish on its website a list of all applications filed and technical staff reports. The bill also permits any person to request a copy of the documents to be mailed upon written request for a reasonable fee.

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