

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-009-2020

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 06/02/2020

**Action:** FAV (A)

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 10-0-1 (In favor: Council Members: Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras. Abstain: Council Member Dernoga)

The Committee of the Whole met on June 2 to consider CB-9-2020. This legislation was discussed in conjunction with CB-10-2020 and CB-12-2020. After staff overview, Council Member Glaros, the bill's sponsor, informed the Committee that this legislation will facilitate the development of a property in her district near a proposed Purple Line station to include student and employee housing for the University of Maryland community.

The Zoning and Legislative Counsel provided an overview of amendments contained in a Proposed Draft-2 (DR-2) prepared at the bill sponsor's request. The amendments in Proposed DR-2 are in Footnote 138 as follows: strike "(C) The Subdivision is adjacent to a post- secondary educational institution.", and in (D), after "48 dwelling units per acre", insert "for the overall development proposal."

The Planning Board submitted a letter dated February 27, 2020 to the Council Chair indicating support of CB-9-2020 with an amendment. The Board suggested an amendment to permit "multifamily dwelling, in general" by right in the R-10 (Multifamily High Density Residential) Zone without the footnote 138 since this zone was intended to permit multifamily dwellings. Chad Williams, of the M-NCPPC Planning Department, addressed the Committee providing additional background on the Planning Board's recommended amendment.

The Office of Law reviewed the bill and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The County Executive's Liaison to the County Council informed the Committee that the Executive is in support of the legislation.

The University of Maryland and the City of College Park submitted letters to the PHED Committee Chair in support of CB-9-2020.

Thomas Haller, representing Gilbane Development, testified in support of the legislation.

Based on comments from Mr. Williams and Mr. Haller, the bill sponsor mentioned the need for additional evaluation of the Planning Board's recommended amendment and the possibility of further amending CB-9-2020 prior to introduction of the legislation.

On a motion by Council Member Glaros, and second by Council Member Davis, the Committee of the Whole voted 10-0-1 on CB-9-2020 as amended in Proposed DR-2.