

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-070-2020

**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 10/01/2020

**Action:** FAV (A)

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 11-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras)

The Committee of the Whole convened on October 1, 2020 to consider CB-70-2020. The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the Committee of written referral comments received. The bill defines food hall and permits the use in the I-1, I-3, U-L-I, M-X-T, M-X-C, and Commercial Zones in the County under certain circumstances, and provides parking, loading, and regulatory requirements for the use.

Council Member Ivey, the bill's sponsor, informed the Committee that food halls are an exciting use that can add diversity to the food landscape around the County and assist new, local businesses in starting their own storefronts on a small scale. The use provides community space where food meets retail as well as other the opportunity for other uses such as artistic performances and cooking classes. Ms. Ivey indicated that she had been working with several County agency representatives in developing the draft bill and welcomed additional comments during the Committee worksession.

Terry Bell, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive, noted the County Executive is in support of the legislation. Rana Hightower, Prince George's County Planning Department, informed the Committee that when the Planning Board considered the bill on October 8, 2020, the Planning staff would be recommending support with suggested amendments concerning the definition and parking and loading regulations to be consistent with a retail/service use. The definition should be amended to clarify whether live entertainment will include music and patron dancing. Also, the definition should state that adult entertainment is prohibited.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-70-2020 as it was presented on September 15, 2020 and found it to be in proper legal formatting with no legal impediments to its enactment. A technical amendment was noted on page 2, line 11 to strike the "." (period) after "Food Hall" and replace with ":" (colon) for consistent formatting throughout the section.

The Zoning Hearing Examiner commented that the provision for life safety requirements in Footnote 74 on page 5 should also apply to the Food Hall use in the M-X-T and M-X-C Zones.

On a motion by Council Member Ivey and second by Council Member Streeter, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable, 11-0 on CB-70-2020 with amendments to the definition to include language that the use may include patron dancing, but shall not include Adult Entertainment; include a new footnote to the Mixed Use Zone table concerning the provision for life safety requirements consistent with Footnote 74 on page 5, and the technical amendment recommended by the Office of Law.