

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2023 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-055-2023
Chapter No. 51
Proposed and Presented by Council Members Dernoga, Burroughs, Olson, and Oriadha
Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Burroughs, Olson, Oriadha, Ivey, Watson,
Blegay, Hawkins and Fisher
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction July 5, 2023

SUBDIVISION BILL

1 AN ACT concerning
2 Applications—Standard Review Procedures—Public Hearing Testimony
3 For the purpose of requiring a summary of testimony in opposition and in support of proposed
4 subdivision applications, as expressed through oral or written testimony submitted during a
5 public hearing, to be included within the administrative record.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 24. SUBDIVISIONS.
8 Sections 24-3307 and 24-3310,
9 The Prince George's County Code
10 (2019 Edition; 2022 Supplement).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
12 Maryland, that Sections 24-3307 and 24-3310 of the Prince George's County Code be and the
13 same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

14 **SUBTITLE 24. SUBDIVISIONS.**
15 **PART 24-3. ADMINISTRATION.**

16 **SECTION 24-3300. STANDARD SUBDIVISION REVIEW PROCEDURES.**

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18 **24-3307. Staff Review and Action**

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20 **(b) Application Subject to Staff Recommendations**

1 **(1) Technical Staff Report**

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3 (C) Each Staff Report shall summarize any written communications relevant to
4 the applicable review standards provided by the opposition at least one (1) week prior to the
5 publication of the Technical Staff Report. Such summary shall include the Planning Director’s
6 response to the objections and arguments made by the opposition and by those in support, and
7 shall be made a part of the record. If there are objections and arguments made by multiple people
8 or organizations in opposition, the Planning Director shall summarize each separate issue raised
9 instead of addressing each individual person or organization of record. The summary should also
10 comment on objections and arguments made by the opposition and by those in support that,
11 while not relevant to the review standards applicable to the application type, would be pertinent
12 to other approvals required in the development process.

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14 **24-3310. Review and Decision by Decision-Making Body**

15 If a subdivision application is subject to a final decision by the Planning Board in
16 accordance with Section 24-3200, Summary Table of Subdivision Review Responsibilities, the
17 Planning Board shall review and make a final decision on the application in accordance with the
18 requirements in this Subsection.

19 **(a) General**

20 **(1) Procedures**

21 The Planning Board shall hold any required public hearing on the application in accordance
22 with its Rules of Procedure. At the hearing, the Planning Board shall consider the application,
23 relevant support materials, the staff report, any comments by the Planning Director, and any public
24 comments. The Planning Board shall then make one of the decisions authorized for the particular
25 type of application, based on the review standards applicable to the application type, as set forth
26 in Section 24-3400, Application-Specific Subdivision Review Procedures and Decision Standards.

27 **(2) Summaries**

28 In making its decision, the Planning Board shall include a summary of the oral and written
29 testimony submitted by those in opposition and in support that is relevant to the review standards
30 applicable to the application. Such summary shall respond to the objections and arguments made
31 by the opposition and by those in support, and shall be made a part of the record. The summary

1 should also comment on objections and arguments made by the opposition and by those in
2 support that, while not relevant to the review standards applicable to the application type, would
3 be pertinent to other approvals required in the development process.

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5 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect thirty (30)
6 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 6th day of September, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.