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HEARING NOTES

Ordinance: 19-0449

Zoning - Use Regulations - Neighborhood Commercial Establishments

Committee: Land Use
Chaired by: Councilmember Edward Reisinger

Hearing Date: April 22, 2020
Time (Beginning): 1:05 PM
Time (Ending): 1:40 PM
Location: Webex Virtual Hearing
Total Attendance: Approximately 35 people

Committee Members in Attendance:
Edward Reisinger Shannon Sneed
Mary Pat Clarke Ryan Dorsey
Sharon Green Middleton Leon Pinkett
Robert Stokes

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? [ ] YES [ ] NO [X] N/A
Agency reports read? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? [ ] YES [ ] NO [X] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Motioned by: S. Middleton
Seconded by: M. Clarke
Final Vote: Fav. with Amendments

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Eric Tiso, Department of Planning
Derek Baumgardner, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
Hilary Ruley, Department of Law
Katy Byrne, Department of Housing and Community Development
Tony DeFranco, Department of Legislative Reference

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**Major Issues Discussed**

1. Chairman Reisinger read the bill number, title, purpose, and confirmed that the public notice requirements were met.
2. Councilwoman Clarke explained the Neighborhood Commercial Establishment use in the Zoning Code and the purpose of the bill.
3. Committee members and agency representatives discussed the definition of accessories under the bill and how the bill would affect existing stores selling covered products.
4. Eric Tiso reviewed the Planning Commission’s report and suggested amendments. He noted that the Planning Commission approves of the amendment option selected by Councilwoman Clarke and the Department of Legislative Reference.
5. Derek Baumgardner explained that the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has no objections to the bill.
6. Katy Byrne reviewed the concerns raised in the Department of Housing and Community Development’s written report and noted that it supports the amendments proposed by the Planning Commission. She also discussed issues related to enforcement of the ordinance if it is enacted.
7. Representatives from the other reporting agencies confirmed the recommendations in their written reports.
8. The Committee voted to recommend the bill favorably with the amendments drafted by the Department of Legislative Reference (see attached).

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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

Yes     No

**If yes, describe.**

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**Committee Vote:**

E. Reisinger: ..... **Yea**  
S. Sneed: ..... **Yea**  
M. Clarke: ..... **Yea**  
E. Costello: ..... **Absent**  
R. Dorsey: ..... **Yea**  
S. Middleton: ..... **Yea**  
L. Pinkett: ..... **Yea**  
R. Stokes: ..... **Yea**

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*Matthew Peters*

Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

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