

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, June 12, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.

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Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 87 “Building Construction”, By Repealing And Reenacting §87-19 “Appeals” To Allow For Appeal Of Fence Variance Recommendations To The Mayor And Council, And By Repealing And Reenacting §87-23 “Fences” To Clarify Certain Terms And The Scope Of The Fence Code, To Allow For Chain Link Fences In Front Yards In Some Circumstances, To Remove Shrubs And Natural Growth Less Than Four Feet In Height From The Definition Of Fences, To Clarify That New Retaining Walls In Front Yards Require Approval Of The Advisory Planning Commission, To Allow Shrubbery On Top Of Retaining Walls, To Incorporate Certain Figure Drawings And To Make Certain Technical Changes And Amending Chapter 110 “Fees And Penalties”, By Repealing And Re-Enacting §110-1, To Require A Fee For Fence Appeals.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Milligan, Krouse, Catlin, Perry, Fellows, Stulich, Hampton and Cook.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Mary Laura Fitzgerald, Rent Stabilization Program staff; Jeannie Ripley, Code Enforcement Manager; Robert Day, Chairperson, Rent Stabilization Board.

Mayor Brayman opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. and invited Suellen Ferguson to give an overview.

Ms. Ferguson stated this would allow an appeal route for fence variance cases to come to the Mayor and Council through the APC. There are also some clarifications to the law recommended by staff and the APC. The ordinance has been reviewed by the APC.

Alan Tyler, 7204 Bowdoin Avenue: He thinks the changes sound good – good fences make good neighbors.

Mayor Brayman indicated that action on this ordinance is scheduled for later this evening. No further public comment will be heard unless there is substantive change to the ordinance.

There being no further public comment, the hearing was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk