

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 891 (Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Prince George's County - Zoning - Municipal Corporations**  
**MC/PG 3-97**

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This bill authorizes the Prince George's County District Council to delegate specific zoning powers to a municipal government. These powers cover standards for design, parking and loading, and sign design; variances for lot size, setback requirements, and similar requirements; and landscaping requirements. A municipal government is subject to the substantive and procedural requirements and standards established by the District Council. In addition, a municipality may not impose stricter standards and requirements than the District Council. A party to an action of a municipal government has the same right of appeal to the circuit court as with the District Council.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. It is expected that any powers delegated to a municipal government could be handled with the entity's existing planning resources. In addition, the delegation of duties by the District Council is not expected to significantly decrease its workload.

**Small Business Effect:** Granting certain zoning powers to municipalities could have a minimal effect on small businesses to the extent that decisions made by municipalities differ from those of the District Council.

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