

Hot Shoppes Warned on Disorders

Police Commissioner M. Bayne Brooke warned yesterday that he will "do everything in my power to close up Hot Shoppe drive-ins" in Prince Georges if the County continues to have trouble policing them.

Brooke, vice chairman of the Board of Commissioners and supervisor of the police department, made the statement at a board meeting. He told an attorney representing Hot Shoppes Inc., that he wanted to meet with company officials and County police before a new drive-in restaurant is opened on Branch Avenue near Marlow Heights.

The meeting would "get ground rules set" for policing the drive-ins, Brooke said.

William L. Kahler, representing Hot Shoppes, said he would tell company officials of Brooke's request. Kahler had come before the Board in connection with Hot Shoppes' plans for a \$7-million distribution center.

Brooke mentioned no specific incidents, but said police have "frequent problems" with drive-ins at 2000 Hamilton st. in Queens Chapel and 7181 Marlboro Pike in District Heights, plus spillover traffic and juvenile problems from drive-ins just inside the District at the Eastover Shopping Center on South Capitol Street and near Fairfax Village on Pennsylvania Avenue se.

"Hot Shoppes will have to police those things better themselves. We can't have our police tied up there," Brooke said.

Woodrow Marriott, a director of Hot Shoppes, told a reporter later that he thought the drive-ins had "adequate protection" from police hired by the company.

"The County can't expect us to control their children in public," he said. "I'm sure the County would agree the problem is much better than it was a year ago. We get very good assistance from the County Police."

The Board approved Hot Shoppes' proposal to give the County a 60-foot right of way for road construction in Beaver Heights in return for County abandonment of another right of way.

Hot Shoppes will build a commissary, or distribution center, near the intersection of Minnesota Avenue Extended and Addison Road, Kahler said.