

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2024 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-040-2024

Chapter No. 22

Proposed and Presented by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson, Dernoga, Oriadha, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins and Blegay

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction June 18, 2024

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1 AN ACT concerning

2 Borrowing to Finance Capital Projects for
3 Library Facilities

4 For the purpose of authorizing Prince George's County, Maryland, to borrow money upon its full
5 faith and credit at any time and from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount not
6 exceeding \$17,284,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,
7 improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of Library
8 Facilities including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and
9 engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed
10 permanent equipment therefor, prescribing terms and conditions upon which bonds issued
11 pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold and other incidental details with respect thereto;
12 providing generally for the issuance of such bonds and providing for such borrowing to be
13 submitted to a referendum of the legal voters of the County.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
15 Maryland, that Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County"), is hereby authorized, pursuant
16 to Section 323 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Charter"), to borrow
17 money and incur indebtedness upon its full faith and credit, at any time and from time to time, in
18 an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$17,284,000 to finance the design, construction,
19 reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
20 relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of, Library Facilities, including the acquisition and

1 development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the
 2 acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, all such capital
 3 projects hereby being found to be (and also being in fact) of the same generic class and being
 4 described in the capital program of the County for the fiscal years 2025-2030, under the
 5 following headings, which descriptions are incorporated by reference as if set forth herein:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
3.71.0001	HILLCREST HEIGHTS BRANCH REPLACEMENT
3.71.0003	LANGLEY PARK BRANCH
4.71.0002	LIBRARY BRANCH RENOVATIONS 2

11 Reference to the County's capital program for the fiscal years 2025-2030 is made for
 12 purposes of description only and such reference shall include the same capital projects in any
 13 amended or subsequent capital program.

14 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that any general obligation bonds to be issued
 15 pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold pursuant to Bond Issue Authorization Ordinances
 16 adopted in accordance with Sections 323 and 823 of the Charter and other applicable provisions
 17 of MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205 to 19-206, as amended, replaced, or re-
 18 codified from time to time, but the County shall sell such bonds only by solicitation of
 19 competitive bids therefor at public sale in such manner and after giving such public notice as the
 20 County Council may by ordinance determine. Such bonds may be sold for such price or prices
 21 as may be determined to be for the best interest of the County, either at, above or below the par
 22 value of any such bonds, and such bonds may be sold in conjunction with other series of bonds
 23 issued by the County in which event the notice of sale soliciting bids for the purchase of such
 24 bonds may require that the acceptance of any bid for any series of bonds be made contingent
 25 upon the acceptance of the bid or bids on all or any of the series being offered by the County for
 26 sale at the same time. When such bonds are sold in conjunction with other series of bonds, the
 27 said notice of sale may also require that consolidated bids shall be submitted on any two or more
 28 of such series of bonds.

29 Nothing in this Act shall in any way limit the authority provided for the refunding of
 30 County indebtedness by MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205 to 19-206, as amended
 31 or supplemented from time to time or by any other applicable law, and all such authority is

1 intended to be available to the County to refund any indebtedness incurred pursuant to this Act to
2 the maximum extent provided by such authority.

3 Such bonds may be issued in an amount sufficient to finance the costs of the Library
4 Facilities and the cost of issuance of the bonds. Prior to the application of the proceeds of such
5 bonds to finance the costs of the Library Facilities, the cost of issuance of such bonds for such
6 Library Facilities may be deducted from such proceeds.

7 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall be submitted to the legal
8 voters of the County, for their approval or disapproval, at the general election to be held in the
9 County on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The question to be certified to the Board of Supervisors
10 of Elections of the County for inclusion on the ballot for said general election shall be in
11 substantially the following form:

12 LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS

13 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not
14 exceeding \$17,284,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,
15 improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Library
16 Facilities, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and
17 engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed
18 permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

19 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the powers granted by this Act are
20 additional and cumulative and the bonds to be issued pursuant to this Act may be issued,
21 notwithstanding that other bond acts or laws may provide for the issuance of other bonds or the
22 borrowing of money for the same or similar purposes on the same or other terms and conditions.
23 This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes, namely, to authorize the
24 borrowing of money and the incurring of indebtedness to finance the described capital projects of
25 the same generic class set forth in this Act. Provisions of this Act shall be deemed met and
26 satisfied if there is substantial compliance with such provisions, including (without limitation)
27 provisions relating to the submission of any question to the legal voters of the County which are
28 intended only to provide fair and adequate notice to such voters and not to prescribe provisions
29 which must be literally satisfied. This Act is not intended to provide or imply that this act or any
30 prior act not containing a similar provision precludes the County from exercising any power or
31 prerogative provided by this Act or any other law whether exercised solely pursuant to such

1 other law or in conjunction with the powers provided by this Act so that, without limiting the
2 generality of this section, the County may exercise the power to issue (i) bond anticipation notes
3 (in anticipation of the issuance of bonds pursuant to this Act or otherwise) and grant anticipation
4 notes pursuant to MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. [§§ 19-205 to 19-206,] §19-212, as
5 amended, replaced, or re-codified from time to time, and (ii) bonds (or any related bond
6 anticipation or other notes) authorized by MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205, [to]
7 19-206, and §19-212, as amended, replaced, or re-codified from time to time, and in exercising
8 such powers, the County may sell such notes or bonds at private (negotiated) sale as authorized
9 by these or any other applicable laws.

10 SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
11 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
12 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
13 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
14 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
15 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
16 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
17 or section.

18 SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall become effective
19 immediately upon the date of the official certification of its approval by the voters at said general
20 election.

Adopted this 16th day of July, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

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

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AT THE REFERENDUM ON
NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER
5, 2024. EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 5, 2024.