

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2023 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-062-2023

Chapter No. 30

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Dernoga

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

Date of Introduction May 25, 2023

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

3 For the purpose of approving the Prince George's County portion of the Maryland-National  
4 Capital Park and Planning Commission budget and making appropriations and levying certain  
5 taxes for Fiscal Year 2024 for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission,  
6 pursuant to the provisions of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as  
7 amended ("Land Use Article").

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
9 Maryland, that, in accordance with Title 18 of the Land Use Article, the annual budget  
10 transmitted to the County Council by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning  
11 Commission on January 15, 2023, as amended on May 22, 2023, and May 24, 2023, is approved  
12 insofar as it applies to Prince George's County subject, however, to the additions, deletions,  
13 increases or decreases thereto which are contained in Appendix A to this Act, attached hereto  
14 and incorporated as if fully stated herein, and that the revenues to be derived from the rates  
15 herein established be and the same are hereby appropriated and authorized to be disbursed for the  
16 purposes specified by the provisions of the Land Use Article, as amended, and for the support  
17 and maintenance of the purposes as expressed in the budget.

18 SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION TAX. Pursuant to Sections 18-302 and 18-307 of the  
19 Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for the Fiscal Year 2024 a tax of five and

1 sixty-six hundredths cents (\$0.0566) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed  
2 valuation of real property and fourteen and fifteen and one-half hundredths cents (\$0.14155)  
3 upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal property and  
4 operating real property described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article for property  
5 located in that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District lying within Prince  
6 George's County. The proceeds of the collection of such tax shall be paid to the Maryland-  
7 National Capital Park and Planning Commission and shall constitute the Administration Fund of  
8 said Commission. Of the proceeds collected, \$1,287,300 shall be allocated to the County  
9 Council for the reimbursement of the planning and zoning functions of the Legislative Branch, as  
10 described in the Regional District Act.

11 SECTION 3. ADVANCE LAND ACQUISITION FUND. Pursuant to the provisions of  
12 Section 18-401(c) of the Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for the Fiscal  
13 Year 2024 a tax of zero cents (\$0.00) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed  
14 valuation of real property and zero cents (\$0.00) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of  
15 assessed valuation of personal property and operating real property described in Section 8-109 of  
16 the Tax-Property Article, assessable according to the laws of Maryland and subject to taxation in  
17 Prince George's County, to be utilized for advance land acquisition in Prince George's County, in  
18 accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-cited statute, as amended. The proceeds  
19 from the collection of said tax shall be paid to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning  
20 Commission for the purpose of debt service on the principal and interest on bonds issued for the  
21 Commission's land acquisition revolving fund, and any excess shall be paid into said fund.

22 SECTION 4. METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAX-MANDATORY. Pursuant to the  
23 provisions of Sections 18-302 and 18-304(b) of the Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed  
24 and levied for the Fiscal Year 2024 a tax of four cents (\$0.04) upon each one hundred dollars  
25 (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property and ten cents (\$0.10) upon each one hundred  
26 dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal property and operating real property  
27 described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article subject to assessment and taxation by  
28 Prince George's County which is located in that portion of the Maryland-Washington  
29 Metropolitan District lying within Prince George's County. The proceeds of the collection of  
30 such tax shall be paid to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and shall  
31 be applied to the purposes set forth in Section 18-304(b) of the Land Use Article.

1           SECTION 5. METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAX–DISCRETIONARY. Pursuant to  
2 Section 18-304(c) of the Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for Fiscal Year  
3 2024 a tax of eleven and ninety-four hundredths cents (\$0.1194) upon each one hundred dollars  
4 (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property and twenty-nine and eighty-five hundredths  
5 cents (\$0.2985) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal  
6 property and operating real property described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article  
7 subject to assessment and taxation by Prince George's County which is located in that portion of  
8 the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District within Prince George's County. The proceeds  
9 of the collection of such tax shall be paid to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning  
10 Commission and shall be applied to the purposes set forth in Subtitle 3, Title 18 of the Land Use  
11 Article. As such, and pursuant to Sections 18-109, 18-304(c)(2), and 18-304(d)(i)–(ii) of the  
12 Land Use Article, as well as Section 10-112.32(d) of the Prince George's County Code, the  
13 Council hereby states, as justification for that portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and  
14 Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget exceeding the Spending Affordability  
15 Commission's recommended overall spending ceiling of \$185.2 million for the Park Fund by  
16 approximately \$9.4 million, such additional appropriations are the result of increases to enhance  
17 park services for the benefit of the County.

18           SECTION 6. RECREATION TAX. Pursuant to Sections 18-302 and 18-306 of the Land  
19 Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for the Fiscal Year 2024 a tax to support  
20 recreational activities in the amount of seven and eighty hundredths cents (\$0.0780) upon each  
21 one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property and nineteen and forty-nine  
22 and one-half hundredths cents (\$0.19495) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed  
23 valuation of personal property and operating real property described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-  
24 Property Article subject to assessment and taxation by Prince George's County. The proceeds of  
25 such tax shall be remitted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and  
26 shall be applied to the purposes set forth in Subtitle 3, Title 18 of the Land Use Article. As such,  
27 and pursuant to Sections 18-109, 18-306(b)(2), and 18-306(d) of the Land Use Article, as well as  
28 Section 10-112.32(d) of the Prince George's County Code, the Council hereby states, as  
29 justification for that portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
30 Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget exceeding the Spending Affordability Commission's  
31 recommended overall spending ceiling of \$109.3 million for recreation projects by

1 approximately \$6.9 million, such additional appropriations are the result of increases to enhance  
2 recreation services for the benefit of the County.

3 SECTION 7. The County Council of Prince George's County hereby adopts the schedules  
4 "Revenues as to Source" as set forth in Appendix A to this enactment and incorporates said  
5 Appendix herein by this reference.

6 SECTION 8. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ("OPEB"). The budget  
7 reflects funding for the annual required contribution ("ARC") and the pay-as-you-go amount to  
8 prefund retiree medical costs.

9 SECTION 9. GRANT AND SPECIAL FUNDING. All grants and Land Reclamation  
10 revenue received by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall be  
11 considered as additions to, and automatic amendments of, the Commission's Operating and CIP  
12 Budgets and work programs, provided that the Commission shall have advised the County  
13 Council of such revenue at the time the revenue was being sought, whether by grant application  
14 or by other applicable special funding application procedures. This section does not, in any way,  
15 affect the process for legislative appropriation of tax revenue to the Commission.

16 SECTION 10. PARK ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT. The Prince George's  
17 County portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Fiscal Year  
18 2024 Capital Budget is hereby adopted and shall consist of all previously approved park  
19 acquisition and development projects (as revised) with appropriations in the budget year of the  
20 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Fiscal Years 2024–2029 Capital  
21 Improvement Program as such projects are included in the adopted Prince George's County  
22 Fiscal Years 2024–2029 Capital Improvement Program and the new projects listed in Appendix  
23 B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. As such, and pursuant to Section 18-109 of  
24 the Land Use Article, as well as Section 10-112.32(d) of the Prince George's County Code, the  
25 Council hereby states, as justification for that portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and  
26 Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget exceeding the Spending Affordability  
27 Commission's recommended overall spending ceiling of \$113.59 million for capital projects by  
28 approximately \$22.2 million, such additional appropriations are the result of updated costs for  
29 projects underway; funding approved by the Maryland General Assembly; and increases to  
30 support new projects for the benefit of the County.

31 SECTION 11. GUARANTEE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON BONDS. Pursuant

1 to the provisions of Section 18-204 of the Land Use Article, the payment of the principal of and  
2 interest on any and all bonds sold by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning  
3 Commission, the proceeds of which are to be used to finance any of the projects adopted by  
4 Section 10, are hereby guaranteed by the County as provided in Land Use Article. The guarantee  
5 shall be in the form described by Section 18-204 of the Land Use Article and shall be endorsed  
6 on the bonds on behalf of the County by the manual or facsimile signature of the County  
7 Executive. The full faith and credit of the County is hereby irrevocably pledged to the  
8 fulfillment of the guarantee of the payment of interest when due and the principal on maturity  
9 and taxes will be levied in accordance with Sections 18-209, 18-302, 18-304(a), 18-304(b), 18-  
10 304(c), and 18-304(e) of the Land Use Article, as necessary. The County Executive and the  
11 Clerk of the Council are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to adopt and record their  
12 facsimile signatures and to execute all documents required for the sale of the bonds.

13 SECTION 12. PROJECT CHARGES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT. Any revenue from  
14 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“M-NCPPC”) funds used for project  
15 charges or program support of County programs shall be based on quarterly invoices submitted  
16 by the County to M-NCPPC or such other methods as the County and M-NCPPC shall mutually  
17 agree upon.

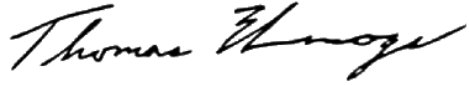
18 SECTION 13. NON-DEPARTMENTAL – TAX SUPPORTED FUNDING. The  
19 Commission is hereby authorized to distribute non-departmental compensation funding to the  
20 applicable departments and divisions in accordance with ratified collective bargaining  
21 agreements and which does not exceed the amount proposed in the FY 2024 budget.

22 SECTION 14. SEVERABILITY. If the application of this Act or any section, subsection,  
23 sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, as it applies in any circumstances, case, or instance  
24 to any person, firm, or corporation is, for any reason, found or held to be invalid or  
25 unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then such section, subsection, sentence,  
26 clause, phrase, or portion and application thereof to such circumstances, case or instance as to  
27 any person, firm or corporation, shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent act,  
28 finding, or holding, and such act, finding or holding shall not affect the validity and application  
29 of the remaining portions thereof or the particular portion as it affects other persons, firms, or  
30 corporations.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:   
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: May 31, 2023 BY:   
Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

Note: See Appendices A & B