

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2001 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-60-2001
 Chapter No. 46
 Proposed and Presented by Council Member Hendershot
 Introduced by Council Member Hendershot
 Co-Sponsors _____
 Date of Introduction October 2, 2001

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Economic Development Program

3 For the purpose of repealing obsolete provisions of the County Code pertaining to the
 4 Department of Program Planning and Economic Development that was abolished in 1983.

5 BY repealing:

6 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

7 Sections 2-163, 2-164, 2-165, 2-166, 2-167, 2-168, and 2-169,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (1999 Edition, 2000 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
 11 Maryland, that Sections 2-163, 2-164, 2-165, 2-166, 2-167, 2-168, and 2-169, of the Prince
 12 George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed:

13 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

14 DIVISION 9. [ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.] **RESERVED.**

15 **Sec. 2-163. [Purpose of Division.] Reserved.**

16 [(a) The purpose of this Division is to enlarge upon and define the responsibilities assigned
 17 to the Director of Program Planning and Economic Development to:

18 (1) Provide a comprehensive economic development program for the County and
 19 coordination between the private and public sectors in the making and execution of plans for the
 20 physical development of the County;

(2) Coordinate procedures for issuing permits and approvals required for development projects; and,

(3) Expedite governmental actions necessary for the construction of development projects found to be in accordance with the duly adopted programs and policies of the County government.

All such action shall be for the purpose of enhancing the economy and advancing the general welfare of the County and its citizens.]

Sec. 2-164. [Definitions.] Reserved.

[(a) As used in this Division:

(1) **Agency of Government** shall mean any agency falling within the definition of Section 1017(m) of the Charter, and such other agencies of government as the Director has or receives jurisdiction over for the purposes of this Division.

(2) **Capital Budget** shall mean the capital budget of the County government, prepared and adopted in accordance with the Charter.

(3) **Capital Program** shall mean the capital program of the County government, prepared and adopted in accordance with the Charter.

(4) **Developer** shall mean any individual, association of individuals, or corporation authorized to do business in this State, and who or which is developing or proposing to develop physical structures within the County for allowed residential, commercial, or industrial purposes.

(5) **Development Project** shall mean a project to construct buildings, structures, and facilities within the County for allowed residential, commercial, or industrial purposes.

(6) **Director** shall mean the Director of Program Planning and Economic Development.

(7) **Economic Program** shall mean a strategy of economic development for the County, proposed and adopted according to this Division, and designed to guide public and private investment and encourage the kind of development deemed most desirable for the County to improve both the economy and the quality of life.]

Sec. 2-165. [Economic Development Program procedure.] Reserved.

[(a) The Director shall be responsible for coordinating all agencies of government in the annual preparation of an Economic Development Program.

(1) He shall submit such program to the County Executive not later than January 1 preceding each fiscal year. Within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt thereof, the County Executive shall forward the Economic Development Program to the Council, together with his recommendations.

(b) The Council shall cause to be published in the County newspapers of record a notice of the place and time of a public hearing on the Economic Development Program submitted by the County Executive.

(1) After the public hearing the Council may amend or modify the Economic Development Program submitted by the County Executive, and shall act by resolution to approve an Economic Development Program by July 1.

(c) Following adoption of the program, the Council shall forward the approved Economic Development Program to the County Executive. The County Executive shall furnish copies of the program to all affected agencies of government for their guidance in carrying out their assigned functions.

(1) The County Executive shall furnish a statement to the Council indicating to what extent the capital budget and the capital program conforms with the recommendations of the approved Economic Development Program.]

Sec. 2-166. [Economic Development Program; content.] Reserved.

[(a) The Economic Development Program shall include:

(1) An evaluation of the state of the whole economy of the County for the preceding year, together with a comparison with past years, and an analysis of the dominant economic processes active in the County.

(2) A projection for both the ensuing fiscal year and for the five (5) year period thereafter of the state of the economy of the County, based on past and current economic indicators.

(3) Proposed economic goals for the County for the ensuing fiscal year and for the five (5) year period thereafter, designed to improve both the economy and the general quality of life.

(4) Recommended policies to be followed and actions to be taken by the County government during the ensuing fiscal year toward achieving the proposed economic goals, including recommendations as to improving the economic processes at work in the County and

1 recommendations as to the type of development that should be encouraged to achieve the
2 proposed economic goals of the County, and suitable locations for such development.

3 (5) A listing of development projects proposed for initiation during the ensuing fiscal
4 year and the five (5) year period thereafter, which have been found by the Director to be in
5 accord with adopted and approved master plans and policies of the County government and of
6 particular economic significance to the County, including a priority list of development projects
7 which should be considered by agencies of government and the County Executive in preparing
8 the capital budget and the capital program for the ensuing fiscal year.]

9 **Sec. 2-167. [Economic Development Program; formulation.] Reserved.**

10 [In formulating the Economic Development Program the Director shall conduct or have
11 conducted necessary economic research and analysis, shall invite proposals by developers, and
12 shall consult with the Economic Development Advisory Committee, the Maryland-National
13 Capital Park and Planning Commission, and such other citizens and agencies of government as
14 he deems appropriate.]

15 **Sec. 2-168. [Development coordination procedures.] Reserved.**

16 [(a) The Director is charged with the responsibility of coordinating all procedures for
17 issuing permits and granting approvals required of agencies of government for the construction
18 or development of projects within the County, provided that the responsibility for issuing,
19 granting and denying such approvals shall remain the sole responsibility of such agencies. All
20 agencies of government responsible for issuing such permits and granting such approvals shall,
21 upon the request of the Director, submit for his review and concurrence their forms and
22 procedures relating to such activity.

23 (b) The Director, in discharging his responsibilities under this Section, shall endeavor to
24 achieve maximum coordination in the processing of all necessary permits and approvals, and the
25 minimum lapse of time between when an application for a permit or approval is filed and a final
26 disposition thereon.]

27 **Sec. 2-169. [Development coordination; expediting.] Reserved.**

28 [The Director is charged with expediting public actions, including but not limited to the
29 issuance of permits and the granting of necessary approvals, to further the initiation and
30 completion of any development project, where the Director has made a written finding that the
31 proposed development project is in accordance with the current approved Economic

1 Development Program, that the reasons advanced by the developer justify expediting, and that
2 such expediting will not result in an unfair advantage to the developer over any competitive
3 development project which is also in accordance with the current approved Economic
4 Development Program. In expediting such a development project, the Director is empowered to
5 communicate directly with any affected agency of government on behalf of the development
6 project. Such agency shall to the extent possible give priority attention to requests of the
7 Director.]
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1 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five
2 (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 30th day of October, 2001.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ronald V. Russell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.