

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Bill No. CB-58-2010

Chapter No. 49

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Campos

Introduced by Council Members Campos, Olson, Bland and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 13, 2010

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Prince George’s County Arts and Humanities Council

3 For the purpose of codifying, renaming, and expanding the duties of the Prince George’s Arts
4 Council.

5 BY adding:

6 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

7 Sections 2-314, 2-315, 2-316, 2-317,
8 2-318, and 2-319,

9 The Prince George's County Code
10 (2007 Edition, 2009 Supplement).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
12 Maryland, that Sections 2-314, 2-315, 2-316, 2-317, 2-318, and 2-319 of the Prince George's
13 County Code be and the same are hereby added:

14 **SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.**

15 **DIVISION 18. PRINCE GEORGE’S ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL.**

16 **Sec. 2-314. Council created; purposes; legislative intent.**

17 There is hereby created a Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council, hereinafter
18 referred to as the “Arts Council.” The Arts Council is created as a not-for-profit, tax-exempt
19 organization for the purpose of promoting, developing, educating, and otherwise furthering the
20 arts in Prince George’s County by actively supporting artists, arts organizations, humanities
21 scholars and organizations and their roles in the civic life of the County. The County

1 government is hereby authorized and encouraged to assist the Prince George's Arts and
 2 Humanities Council in its role as the initiator of arts and cultural activities in Prince George's
 3 County. The County Executive is further authorized and encouraged to extend financial support
 4 to the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council for future appropriation requests based on
 5 funding availability.

6 **Sec. 2-315. Board of Directors; appointment.**

7 (a) The powers and duties of the Arts Council shall be vested in and exercised by a Board
 8 of Directors consisting of at least nine (9) and no more than twenty-five (25) members who
 9 are residents of the County, appointed pursuant to the by-laws of the Arts Council as
 10 follows:

11 (1) Nine (9) board members appointed to consecutive three-year terms consisting of
 12 representatives and leaders from arts, education, humanities disciplines, and business and
 13 reflecting the geographical, cultural, and social diversity of the County. One board member
 14 shall be designated as Chair.

15 (A) At its first meeting, the Board shall elect from its members a Vice-Chair,
 16 Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Director who shall form the Executive Committee.

17 (2) The County Executive and County Council may each designate one representative
 18 to serve as an ex-officio member of the Arts Council.

19 **Sec. 2-316. Compensation; expenses.**

20 The members of the Arts Council shall serve without compensation. Expenses incurred by
 21 the members in the performance of their duties shall be paid in accordance with such budgetary
 22 and administrative procedures as may be adopted by the Arts Council.

23 **Sec. 2-317. Power and duties.**

24 (a) The County Attorney, upon designation of the initial board members, shall prepare and
 25 file or cause to be prepared and filed with the appropriate bodies, articles of incorporation and
 26 such other documents as may be deemed necessary and appropriate in order that the Arts Council
 27 might be constituted a body corporate having perpetual existence.

28 (b) The Arts Council shall have the following powers and duties:

29 (1) To serve the public at large as the arts funding organization for the County;

30 (2) To serve as a recipient and distributor of federal, state, regional, public, private,
 31 foundation, and county arts block funding;

1 (3) To provide financial support through competitive grants programs and special
2 funding initiatives for artists, arts organizations, humanities organizations, and humanities
3 scholars;

4 (4) To provide advice and technical assistance for privately-funded arts in public
5 places program in collaboration with the Art in Public Places Program administered by the
6 Office of Central Services;

7 (5) To serve as the advisory body for the development, management, and marketing
8 of Arts and Entertainment Districts in the County;

9 (6) To provide technical assistance and learning opportunities for individual artists
10 and scholars as well as capacity building activities arts and humanities organizations;

11 (7) To build, own, develop, or manage facilities designated and designed for cultural
12 and artistic uses including galleries, museums, theaters, performing arts centers and
13 amphitheaters; and

14 (8) To provide advice and guidance on matters related to the arts, the humanities, and
15 cultural aesthetics to the County Executive, the County Council, as well as the business,
16 education, and civic leadership communities of the County.

17 **Sec. 2-218. Meetings.**

18 The Arts Council shall meet in public session, unless otherwise provided by law, as
19 provided in its bylaws as required to perform its duties and exercise its responsibilities.

20 **Sec. 2-219. Annual Report.**

21 The Arts Council shall advise and report annually to the County Executive and County
22 Council its activities during the preceding fiscal year, together with any recommendations or
23 request it deems appropriate to further the public purpose of the public body.
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1 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
2 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 7th day of September, 2010.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
County Executive

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