

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2023 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-064-2023
Proposed by Council Members Dernoga and Olson
Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Olson, Watson, Hawkins and Franklin
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction June 13, 2023

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Enactment of Certain Ordinance of the City of College Park

3 For the purpose of approving the enactment of City Ordinance 23–O–02, amending Chapter 190,
4 Article I, in order to align municipal provisions concerning departures and variances with the
5 Prince George’s County Zoning Ordinance in effect as of April 1, 2022.

6 WHEREAS, Section 25-301, Land Use Article, Maryland Annotated Code, authorizes the
7 District Council to confer the exercise of certain powers of the District Council upon the
8 governing body of a municipal corporation within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan
9 District; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 27-3308 of the Prince George’s County Code provides that an
11 incorporated municipality may enact an ordinance which sets forth procedural regulations
12 governing departures from local parking and loading, landscaping requirements, sign design
13 standards, variances for setbacks and lot area regulations, as well as nonconforming use
14 regulations and fence regulations for the area within its municipal boundaries; and

15 WHEREAS, Section 27-3308 also provides that a municipal corporation within the County
16 may reference applicable County zoning laws that are applicable within the corporate boundaries
17 of the municipal corporation; and

18 WHEREAS, the City of College Park desires to amend the procedures for municipal
19 consideration of: departures (major and minor) of numerical design and landscaping standards in
20 the City, including those for parking and loading, alternative compliance from landscaping
21 requirements, and sign design standards; certification, revocation, and revisions of

1 nonconforming uses; and area, setback, and similar requirements for lot area, setbacks, and like
2 development regulations within the City municipal code, in order to ensure that the College Park
3 City Code conforms with respective provisions of the new Prince George’s County Zoning
4 Ordinance which became effective on April 1, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, the City further desires to amend the decision standards for the consideration
6 and approval of variances to align with those provisions set forth in the new Prince George’s
7 County Zoning Ordinance which became effective on April 1, 2022; and

8 WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures set forth in applicable state and local zoning
9 laws, the City Council passed Ordinance 23–O–02 on April 11, 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, as duly enacted by the City of College Park, Ordinance 23–O–02 (attached
11 hereto and incorporated herein as “Attachment A”) amends Chapter 190 of the College Park City
12 Code; and

13 WHEREAS, the City of College Park, pursuant to Section 25-303(e) of the Land Use
14 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, has delivered certified copies of Ordinance 23–O–02 to
15 the District Council on May 15, 2023; and

16 WHEREAS, the adoption of a Resolution by the District Council to approve the City of
17 College Park Ordinance 23–O–02 will allow said municipal law to become effective in
18 accordance with law; and

19 WHEREAS, the District Council has reviewed Ordinance 23–O–02 and determined that the
20 municipal law conforms with the prescriptions of local and state zoning laws.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
2 County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington
3 Regional District in Prince George’s County, Maryland, that City of College Park Ordinance
4 23–O–02, as set forth in Attachment A to this Resolution, be and the same is hereby
5 APPROVED.
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Adopted this 13th day of June , 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL
DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council