

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**2014 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-20-2014

Chapter No. 11

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Franklin and Harrison

Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Harrison, Turner, Davis, Toles

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction May 13, 2014

**ZONING BILL**

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2                               Zoning Regulations – Public Buildings and Uses – Exceptions

3 For the purpose of providing a Public Buildings and Uses exception from certain prescriptions of  
4 the Zoning Ordinance for the proposed Public Safety Communications Center (9-1-1) and  
5 Emergency Operations Center facility on Anchor Street in Landover.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7                               Section 27-122,

8                               The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland,

9                               being also

10                              SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.

11                              The Prince George's County Code

12                              (2011 Edition; 2013 Supplement).

13               WHEREAS, in order to address the spate of emergency events occurring throughout the  
14 County and region in recent years, there is an immediate need for a state-of-the-art emergency  
15 operations center that is immediately available upon activation, and provides adequate space and  
16 equipment for designated County personnel; and

17               WHEREAS, in order to address the public safety needs of the County, there is an  
18 immediate need to re-open a “Hot” 9-1-1 backup center, which is generally defied as a public  
19 safety command center location that is active at all times, with all required 9-1-1  
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1 telecommunications, Computer Aided Dispatch and radio communications, software and  
2 hardware, and that is immediately available and mirrors the primary center; and

3 WHEREAS, the proposed center would also house the Office of Homeland Security, as the  
4 lead agency for emergency response coordination, as well as house the public safety  
5 investigations group within the Office of Human Resources Management that coordinates the  
6 recruitment process for public safety agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, without a “Hot” 9-1-1 backup center, emergency assistance 9-1-1- calls will  
8 go unanswered if the primary 9-1-1 center must be evacuated for any reason or there is a critical  
9 infrastructure failure; and

10 WHEREAS, there is substantial State support for a “Hot” 9-1-1 backup center, including  
11 the recommendation by the State Emergency Numbers System Board (‘ENSB’) that strongly  
12 encourages all locations to have a “Hot” back up site, and funding support from the State of  
13 approximately \$4 million for this project; and

14 WHEREAS, styled as CB-47-2012, the proposed project was submitted to a referendum  
15 and was approved by the qualified voters of the County at the November 2012 General Election;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the proposed backup center is a public building designed to meet the important  
18 government purpose of providing adequate public safety services for the citizens and residents of  
19 the County, and

20 WHEREAS, the proposed public safety facility conforms with applicable recommendations  
21 of the 2004 *Approved Morgan Boulevard and Largo Town Center Metro Areas Sector Plan and*  
22 *Sectional Map Amendment*; and

23 WHEREAS, there is a need to proceed expeditiously with the 9-1-1 backup center project  
24 in order to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of the  
25 County; now, therefore,

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
27 Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional  
28 District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 27-122 of the Zoning Ordinance of  
29 Prince George's County, Maryland, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code,  
30 be and the same is repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

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**SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.**

**PART 2. GENERAL.**

**DIVISION 4. REGULATIONS APPLICABLE IN ALL ZONES.**

**Subdivision 5. Public Buildings and Uses.**

**Sec. 27-122. Exceptions.**

The requirements of this Subtitle shall not apply to the Prince George's Justice Center complex in Hyattsville, the Greater Laurel Fire Station Building in Laurel , the Public Safety Communications Center (911) and Emergency Operations Center facility on Anchor Street in Landover, or to any land used by the County within the municipal limits of Upper Marlboro. Site Plans for the Justice Center complex, the Greater Laurel Fire Station Building in Laurel , the Public Safety Communications Center (911) and Emergency Operations Center facility on Anchor Street in Landover, and for the County Administration Building or other County governmental use within Upper Marlboro, shall be approved by resolution of the District Council.

1 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect on the  
2 date of its adoption.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June , 2014.

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

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mel Franklin  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

KEY:  
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.