COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-046 -2026

Chapter No.

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Vacant Real Properties Tax Rate

For the purpose of establishing a real property tax rate for real properties consisting of vacant houses/buildings or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice; specifying the use of the proceeds from the aforementioned tax; and generally relating to property tax on vacant real properties.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.
Sections 10-173.00.01,
The Prince George's County Code
(2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.
Sections 10-173.00.02,
The Prince George's County Code
(2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 10-173.00.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

DIVISION 4. REAL ESTATE TAXES.

Sec. 10-173.00.01. Tax rate on vacant real property.

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 6-202.1 and 6-302 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Prince George's County is establishing a special real property tax rate for [a] vacant houses/buildings or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice and the assessment and the rate [will be determined by further enactment] for the full taxable year beginning on July 1 shall be five (5) times the regular tax rate levied for State and County purposes for the year.

SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 10-173.00.02 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby added:

SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

DIVISION 4. REAL ESTATE TAXES.

Sec. 10-173.00.02. Dedication of property tax on vacant real property for education.

(a) The proceeds of the property tax imposed and collected under Section 10-173.00.01 in excess of the amount that would have been collected at the regular tax rate shall be deposited into a nonlapsing fund to be used for the sole purpose of funding the approved budget of the Prince George's County Board of Education, including any payments made by the County on behalf of the Prince George's County Board of Education to the Teachers' Pension System and the Teachers' Retirement System.

(b) Specific uses for revenue from the fund referenced in subsection (a), above, may be prescribed by County Council resolution as part of the annual budget approval or amendment process.

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SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such

invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ , 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

_____
Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

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

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