



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

## SUPPORT FAVORABLE

HB 23  
Delegate Fair

### **Authority of Counties to Establish a Subclass and Set a Special Rate for Commercial and Industrial Property Tax**

#### POSITION

#### SUPPORT

Prince George's County Council supports HB 23. This bill allows Counties to set up new property rates for 1) commercial, 2) industrial, 3) commercial/industrial condominium, 4) residential/commercial and 5) commercial/residential. The rate cannot exceed 12.5 cents for each \$100 of assessed value above the current rate. The General Assembly in 2024 authorized Counties to have an additional rate for vacant properties.

Currently, municipalities are already allowed to set up different property tax rates. HB 23 mandates that these funds be used for transportation improvements and funding the County Education Budget. The bill also allows common-sense exemptions. If a new tax rate is set for mixed-use properties, there would be credit for the residential part of that property. There is also an exemption for businesses with less than 15 people.

We all know that we are facing a fiscal crisis. Prince George's and other Counties will be asked to pay more for the critical services they provide. Our County needs other ways to raise revenue other than raising property taxes for our residents. HB 23 will enable the County to have other revenue-raising options.

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