

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2024 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-058-2024

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Building Code – Administrative Provisions

For the purpose of improving public awareness of local development activity by directing the directors of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement and the Prince George's County Planning Department to establish a single public interface for tracking development applications.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 4. BUILDING.

Section 4-349,

The Prince George's County Code

(2023 Edition).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 4-349 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 4. BUILDING.

DIVISION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

Sec. 4-349. Administration and Enforcement of Subtitle – Generally.

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(d) Public Access to County Development Activity

(1) General. This subsection establishes single point of public access to information regarding pending and approved development applications in Prince George's County.

(2) Applicability. This subsection applies to duties carried out by the Prince George's County Planning Board, the Planning Director and the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement to review and approve development applications.

(3) Requirements.

(A) The DPIE Director, jointly with the Planning Director, shall maintain a single public interface online as a point of entry dedicated to providing access to the current status of all development applications subject to review and approval.

(B) The DPIE Director and Planning Director shall release data to this public interface in timely intervals, including real-time updates where feasible, to maximize public utility of the information contained therein.

(C) This public interface may take the form of a dashboard or other format which maximizes accessibility to the widest range of users and purposes.

(D) This public interface shall be available with no requirement of registration.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that, no later than December 31, 2024, the DPIE Director and Planning Director shall jointly present to the County Council a plan to implement the requirements set forth above. This implementation plan should include, but not be limited to, the following: a timeline for public release of the interface; an inventory of the data to be stored or displayed; a policy to protect the privacy of applicants; a plan to receive public input prior to release; and standards for timely data updates.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that funding for development, operation and maintenance of this public interface shall be authorized annually in The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Budget and the Prince George's County operating budget.

SECTION 4. 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 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

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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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