

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2022 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-024-2022

Chapter No. 30

Proposed and Presented by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Harrison, Franklin, Turner, Glaros, Dernoga,
Streeter, Ivey, and Medlock

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction June 21, 2022

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Participation by public safety employees in certain matters and
3 use of County resources by police officers during participation in those matters.

4 For the purpose of amending and clarifying certain prohibited conduct for employees of Prince
5 George's County, Maryland BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 2. Administration.

7 Section 2-293 Prohibited Conduct and Interests.

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2019 Edition; 2020 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Section 2-293 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 SUBTITLE 2. Administration.

14 DIVISION 17. Code of Ethics.

15 Sec. 2-293. Prohibited conduct and interests.

16 (a) Participation Prohibitions. Except as permitted by Board regulations or opinion, an
17 official or employee may not participate in:

- 18 (1) Any matter, except in the exercise of an administrative or ministerial duty which
19 does not affect the disposition or decision with respect to that matter, if, to his
20 knowledge, he, his spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister has an interest therein.

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(4) The prohibitions of paragraph (1) of this Subsection do not apply:

(A) to a police officer or fire/emergency medical service employee who is exercising the employee’s official duties in an emergency affecting a business or property in which the employee or a relative of the employee has an interest under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2); or

(B) if participation is otherwise allowed by regulation or opinion of the Board.

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(c) Use of Prestige of Office. An official or employee may not intentionally use the prestige of his office for his own private gain or that of another. The performance of usual and customary constituent services, without additional compensation, does not constitute the use of the prestige of office for an elected official's or employee's private gain or that of another.

(1) An official or employee shall not engage in the following:

[(1)](A) An official may not directly or indirectly initiate a solicitation for a person to retain the compensated services of a particular regulated lobbyist or lobbying firm.

[(2)](B) An official, other than an elected official, or employee may not use public resources or the title of the official or employee to solicit a contribution as that term is defined in the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

[(3)](C) An elected official may not use public resources to solicit a contribution as that term is defined in the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(2) The prohibition in this subsection does not apply to a police officer’s exercise of the officer’s police authority during outside employment that has been approved by the officer’s appointing authority.

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(f) Use of Resources.

(1) An official or employee may not use [employees on County time or any other resources of the County for writing books, articles and speeches which would result in personal gain or compensation or for any other personal matters and services.] any County facility, property, or work time, or cause or direct any other official or employee to use a County facility, property or work time for personal use or for the use

1 of another person unless the use is generally available to the public or authorized by a
2 County law or regulation.

3 (2) The prohibition in subsection (f)(1) does not apply to the use of County equipment and
4 uniforms by police officers during the course of outside employment that has been
5 expressly approved by the officer’s appointing authority.

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7 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
8 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
9 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
10 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
11 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
12 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
13 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
14 or section.

15 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
16 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 5th day of July, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
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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