

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2025 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-013-2025

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Olson

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL**

AN ACT concerning

Woodland and Wildlife Habitat Conservation

For the purpose of strengthening enforcement of woodland maintenance requirements set forth in the woodland conservation ordinance; providing for periodic inspections of conservation areas after construction activities have been completed; and requiring annual reporting on inspection and enforcement activities.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 25. TREES AND VEGETATION.

Sections 25-120

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of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 25-120 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

**SUBTITLE 25. TREES AND VEGETATION.**

**DIVISION 2. WOODLAND AND WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION**

**ORDINANCE.**

**Sec. 25-120. Administration**

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(c) Inspection and Enforcement

(1) Inspections before, during and after construction.

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(I) Maintenance Inspections. No later than two years from the date of the issuance of the use and occupancy permit for a subject lot or parcel, the County inspector shall conduct an initial inspection of the woodlands to ensure compliance with provisions of the TCP and monitor for violations of Sec. 25-120(c)(2)(vii)-(viii) of the County Code. The County inspector shall conduct subsequent inspections of a subject lot or parcel within five years of the date of the initial inspection and on an ongoing basis every five years.

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(7) Any violation notice issued pursuant to this Division may be appealed in writing to the Board of Appeals of Prince George's County within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of the violation notice, unless the County has filed an injunction pursuant to Section 25-120(c)(5) of this Subtitle. For purposes of this subsection, "issuance of the violation notice" means the earlier of the date of posting, the date of personal service, or if mailed, the date that the notice was postmarked.

(8) Annual Inspection Report. The County Executive shall submit to the County Council and the Planning Director, not later than January 31st of each year, a report covering the maintenance inspections authorized under Subsection (I) above. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, a listing (by Council District) of all inspections conducted during the calendar year; a general statement of the findings of each inspection and corrective action, if any, required; and the status of all corrective actions issued during the calendar year.

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(e) Maintenance

(1) Maintenance Responsibility. Maintenance of areas designated on a TCP for woodland conservation shall be the property owner.

(2) Correction Period. Upon written notice of a violation identified during a maintenance inspection authorized under Sec. 25-120(c)(1)(I), a property owner shall correct the identified violations within six months of the date of the notice of violation. Once corrected, the property owner shall request the County inspector to reinspect that portion of the property found to be non-compliant in the notice of violation. Upon reinspection, the County inspector shall issue a notice of compliance if the maintenance violation has been corrected.

(3) Penalty. Notwithstanding the penalties set forth in Sec. 25-120(c)(4) above, the County shall issue an initial fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for any

1 violation identified during a maintenance inspection which has not been corrected within six  
2 months of the date of the notice of violation. Failure to correct a maintenance violation within  
3 one month of the date of an initial fine shall constitute a separate violation, punishable by a fine  
4 of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for each subsequent month that the violation has not been  
5 corrected.

6 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act shall be  
7 incorporated into the terms of all conservation easements used to meet the requirements of  
8 Subtitle 25 Division 2 of the County Code which are recorded after this Act becomes law.

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

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

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jolene Ivey  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Tara H. Jackson  
Acting 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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