

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2004 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-52-2004  
Chapter No. 32  
Proposed and Presented by Council Member Knotts  
Introduced by Council Members Knotts and Dean  
Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Introduction July 6, 2004

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Prince George's County Code (2003 Edition)

3 For the purpose of adopting and publishing the 2003 Edition of the Prince George's County  
4 Code.

5 BY compiling, codifying, adopting and publishing:

6 The Prince George's County Code

7 (2003 Edition).

8 WHEREAS, Article III, Section 321 of the Charter for Prince George's County provides  
9 that the County Council, at intervals not greater than every four years, shall compile, codify,  
10 adopt, and publish a Code of the laws of the County; and

11 WHEREAS, the County Code was last published as the 1999 Edition; and

12 WHEREAS, it is informative to the citizens of the County to append to the County Code  
13 the provisions of the County Charter and Laws relating to the Washington Suburban Transit  
14 District; therefore

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
16 Maryland, that the Prince George's County Code, 2003 Edition, is hereby compiled, codified,  
17 adopted, and published:

18 (a) On and after the effective date of this Act, the Prince George's County Code, 2003  
19 Edition, consisting of Subtitles 1 through 23, Subtitles 24A through 26A, and Subtitles 28  
20 through 31, together with any additional Subtitles which may hereafter be enacted and any

1 current Supplement to the County Code which may be issued, shall be, with respect to the matter  
2 set forth therein:

3 (1) Conclusive evidence of the text of the Prince George's County Code and all  
4 enactments dated on or before November 30, 1999.

5 (2) Prima facie evidence of:

6 (A) The Prince George's County Charter, together with all amendments, and the  
7 Schedule of Legislation accompanying the Charter.

8 (B) Article 17 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland as enacted by the General  
9 Assembly of Maryland.

10 (C) All other County acts, ordinances, Code provisions, resolutions having the  
11 force of law, and all other legislation enacted or adopted after November 30, 2003.

12 (b) Supplements to the Prince George's County Code, 2003 Edition, shall be published at  
13 least annually.

14 (c) The words "County Code" or "Code" shall be taken to mean the Prince George's  
15 County Code, 2003 Edition, together with any current Supplement, unless the content clearly  
16 requires otherwise.

17 (d) The 2003 Edition of the Code supersedes previous editions thereof.

18 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the 2003 Edition of the Prince George's  
19 County Code shall take effect on the effective date of this Act. The master copy of the 2003  
20 Edition of the Code shall be authenticated by the Legislative Officer and delivered as a public  
21 record to the Clerk of the Council. The Clerk shall maintain that master copy together with any  
22 Supplements thereto. A copy of the 2003 Edition of the Code shall be available at the County  
23 Documents Reference Library for public use during normal working hours.

24 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Legislative Officer is authorized to  
25 compile and publish an abridged edition of the County Code containing the following subtitles  
26 pertaining to land use, construction standards, and real estate development:

27 Subtitle 4. Building

28 Subtitle 5B. Chesapeake Bay Critical Area

29 Subtitle 9. Electricity

30 Subtitle 11. Fire Safety (code only)

31 Subtitle 17. Plumbing and Gas Fitting

1 Subtitle 20A. Transportation

2 Subtitle 22. On Site Sewage Disposal Systems

3 Subtitle 23. Roads and Sidewalks

4 Subtitle 24. Subdivision

5 Subtitle 25. Trees and Vegetation

6 Subtitle 29. Preservation of Historic Resources

7 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the general penalty provided in Section  
8 1-123 of the County Code shall apply to every offense or violation made unlawful by the County  
9 Code unless a specific penalty therefor is otherwise provided.

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

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2004.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Knotts  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jack B. Johnson  
County Executive