

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

Bill No. CB-082-2024

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

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey, Watson, Hawkins, Burroughs, Dernoga, Olson

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

Date of Introduction October 22, 2024

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Commercial Property Standards

3 For the purpose of prohibiting framing lights in commercial storefronts to reduce the harmful  
4 effects of light pollution on Prince George’s County residents and neighborhoods; and providing  
5 for certain fines for non-compliance.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.

8 SECTION 13-243

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2023 Edition).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
12 Maryland, that Section 13-243 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby  
13 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

14 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.

15 DIVISION 7. PROPERTY STANDARDS AND MAINTENANCE.

16 **Sec. 13-243. Signs, marquees, and awnings.**

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18 (c) Framing lights, whether static or flashing, internal or external, fully or partially framing  
19 windows or doors, is prohibited for commercial use. Notwithstanding the fines set forth in  
20 Section 13-246 of the County Code, any person who fails to comply with the remedial action set  
21 forth in a notice of violation of this Subsection shall be subject to the following monetary fines:

1           (1) A minimum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) upon the initial violation, and  
2           (2) An additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for each subsequent violation, up to  
3           a maximum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per property.

4           SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Director of the Department of  
5           Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement or the Director’s designee shall enforce the provisions  
6           of this Act no earlier than ninety (90) calendar days after this Act becomes law.

7           SECTION 3. 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 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)  
16          calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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