



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

**Meeting Date:** 11/19/2024

**Effective Date:**

**Reference No.:** CB-060-2024

**Chapter Number:**

**Draft No.:** 2

**Public Hearing Date:** 11/19/2024 @ 10:00 AM

**Proposer(s):** Blegay

**Sponsor(s):** Blegay

**Item Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING PREFERENCES FOR COUNTY-BASED SMALL BUSINESS, COUNTY-BASED BUSINESS, COUNTY-BASED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND COUNTY-LOCATED BUSINESS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES AS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTIONS OF SECTION 10A-108(A) for the purpose of allowing products, goods, and services that are subject to exemptions found in Section 10A-108(a) to be a part of open competition in the Prince George's County's procurement process.

**Drafter:** Leroy D. Maddox Jr., Legislative Attorney

**Resource Personnel:** Devan Martin, Chief of Staff, Council District 6  
Januari McKay, Legislative Aide, Council District 6

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
07/02/2024	County Council	presented and referred	GOPF
	<b>Action Text:</b> This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Blegay and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.		
09/12/2024	GOPF	Held in Committee	
	<b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 5 Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Oriadha and Hawkins		
09/26/2024	GOPF	Favorably recommended with amendments	
	<b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 4 Watson, Dernoga, Oriadha and Hawkins		

Absent: 1 Harrison

10/22/2024 County Council introduced

**Action Text:**

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Blegay, Watson, Oriadha, Dernoga, Hawkins, Olson and Burroughs.

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**AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**

10A-108

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

The current procurement process, which includes an exemption allowing contracts to be awarded through grants to non-local businesses, undermines fair competition and transparency while hindering positive relationships within the local business community. By removing this grant exemption, the proposed legislation not only ensures equal opportunities for local minority-owned businesses but also fosters a positive relationship within the local business community. Transparency is crucial in procurement processes to build trust and accountability. By promoting fair competition and eliminating exceptions, this bill enhances transparency, thereby strengthening relationships between government entities and local businesses.

In essence, the legislation aims to create a level playing field for all businesses, fostering trust, transparency, and positive relationships within the business community while promoting economic growth and innovation for those entrepreneurs based right here in Prince George's County.

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**Document(s):** B2024060, CB-060-2024 Report, CB-060-2024 PAFI, CB-060-2024 OOL Comments, CB-060-2024 (DR-2)