

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2025 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-088-2025

Chapter No. 62

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Watson, Oriadha and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors Council Members Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Fisher, and Ivey

Date of Introduction October 21, 2025

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Locally Owned and Operated Business Incentive Act

3 For the purpose of stimulating the growth of locally owned and operated businesses by reducing  
4 the stifling burden of fees and charges on such businesses, thus fostering economic growth in  
5 Prince George's County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

8 Section 2-253.63

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

11 **WHEREAS** locally-owned and operated businesses are businesses based in Prince George's  
12 County with majority ownership by one or more county residents;

13 **WHEREAS** studies show that dollars spent with and by locally-owned and operated  
14 businesses circulate up to seven times locally, creating additional economic growth, local jobs,  
15 and increasing the local commercial tax base;

16 **WHEREAS** increasing the number and growth of locally-owned and operated businesses is  
17 a critical component to Prince George's County's economic growth strategy and will create more  
18 generational wealth for county residents;

19 **WHEREAS** fees and charges, particularly for start-up businesses, are a major impediment  
20 to the growth of locally-owned and operated businesses, thus hurting the growth of Prince  
21 George's County's economy, NOW THEREFORE,

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
2 Maryland, that Section 2-253.63 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby  
3 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

4 **SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.**

5 **DIVISION 14C. FEES AND CHARGES.**

6 **Sec. 2-253.63. Fees and Charges.**

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8 (i) Fees and charges pursuant to this section assessed to a Locally owned and Operated  
9 Business as defined in Section 10-335(a)(4) shall be discounted by 50% at the time of such  
10 assessment.

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

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

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward P. Burroughs III  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aisha N. Braveboy  
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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