

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2011 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-28-2011

Proposed by Council Member Olson

Introduced by Council Members Olson, Turner, Harrison, Franklin, Johnson,  
Lehman and Campos

Date of Introduction April 5, 2011

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George's County Green Business Advisory Board

3 For the purpose of establishing the Prince George's Green Business Advisory Board to review  
4 and evaluate the County's green business opportunities and to recommend appropriate policies  
5 and regulations to implement a green business tax credit program in the County.

6 WHEREAS, the Maryland General Assembly in 2009 enacted Senate Bill 403/House Bill  
7 959 (Chapter 257 of the Laws of Maryland 2009) authorizing Prince George's County to grant,  
8 by law, a real property tax credit for certain green type businesses; and

9 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 403/House Bill 959 (Chapter 257 of the Laws of Maryland 2009)  
10 direct that the Prince George's County Council and County Executive shall jointly appoint an  
11 advisory board to provide advice regarding the implementation of the tax credit program; and

12 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council is well aware of the demand and  
13 opportunity for a green economy in the County and the region and has under taken several  
14 legislative initiatives to support efforts and to encourage our citizens to become environmentally  
15 efficient though the County and must balance the fiscal cost associated with establishment of an  
16 additional tax credit; and

17 WHEREAS, the County Council and County Executive desire to further examine the  
18 opportunities for green businesses in the County, the impact on the residents and industry  
19 stakeholders of a tax credit program and to consider appropriate recommendations for  
20 implementation related thereto; and

21 WHEREAS, the County would benefit from the creation of a menu of options for the  
22 establishment of an eventual Green Business Tax Credit Program, along with their

1 commensurate costs; and

2 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter provides that the County Council or County  
3 Executive may appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of  
4 citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
6 County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Green Business Advisory Board is hereby  
7 established to review and evaluate the County's green business opportunities and to recommend  
8 appropriate policies and regulations to implement a green business tax credit program in the  
9 County.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Business Advisory Board shall be composed  
11 of seven (7) members as follows:

- 12 1. The Chair of the County Council or the Chair's representative;
- 13 2. The County Executive or the County Executive's representative;
- 14 3. The County Executive and Chair of the County Council shall jointly appoint:
  - 15 (a) a representative of the Prince George's County business community;
  - 16 (b) four (4) citizens of the County who are affiliated with a nonprofit  
17 environmental organization in Maryland; and
  - 18 (c) the Chair of the Board from amongst the seven appointed members.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Business Advisory Board shall present its  
20 evaluation and recommendations to the County Executive and County Council on or before  
21 November 1, 2011 and shall dissolve upon the issuance of their report.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent by the Clerk of the  
23 Council to the County Executive and the Chairs of the Prince George's County House and  
24 Senate Delegations.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingrid M. Turner  
Chair

APPROVED:

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

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council