

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2003 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-23-2003

Proposed by Council Member Harrington

Introduced by Council Members Harrington, Shapiro, Dean, Dernoga and Peters

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction May 6, 2003

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Adequate Public School Facilities

3 For the purpose of stating the County Council's intention to revise the criteria to provide for
4 adequate public school facilities in accordance with the General Plan for Prince George's
5 County.

6 WHEREAS, on November 19, 2001, the County Council enacted CB-40-2001, an Act
7 amending the school facilities adequacy test at the time of preliminary plat and building permit;

8 WHEREAS, CB-40-2001 contained a provision allowing an applicant to pay a per-dwelling
9 unit school facilities fee pursuant to an agreement with the County in lieu of a wait period; and

10 WHEREAS, the school facilities fee may total \$4,940 depending on the number of schools
11 within the affected school cluster; and

12 WHEREAS, HB 487, enacted by the General Assembly in April 2003, will increase the
13 amount of the school facilities surcharge for certain residential building permits from \$5,000 to
14 \$7,000 for developments located within the Developed Tier and for certain developments near a
15 Metro station, and to \$12,000, generally, for the remainder of the County; and

16 WHEREAS, the collection of the surcharge is in addition to any school facilities fee
17 required to be paid pursuant to a school facilities agreement; and

18 WHEREAS, the County Council introduced legislation, CB-30-2003, on May 6, 2003,
19 proposing to eliminate the provision for a school facilities fee; and

20 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Council to review and implement policies to
21 provide adequate public school facilities for current and future residents consistent with the
22 General Plan; and

1 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes that many factors, in addition to new
2 residential development affect where school capacity is needed; and

3 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes the need to coordinate the priorities associated
4 with land use planning, school construction, educational programs and the economic vitality of
5 Prince George's County; and

6 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to build on the knowledge of efficient planning,
7 construction, financing, and management of public school construction gained in the previous
8 five years.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
10 County, Maryland, that the Council intends to adopt policies designed to manage the pace of
11 residential development and to provide for the construction of adequate public school facilities in
12 the Developed, Developing, and Rural Tiers in accordance with the General Plan for Prince
13 George's County, such policies to be adopted before the conclusion of the current legislative
14 year.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County continue and formalize a program to more
16 effectively manage the placement and timing of public school construction throughout the
17 County, based on the existing cooperative program for public school construction.

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2003.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Peter A. Shapiro
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council