

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

Resolution No. CR-023-2025

Proposed by Council Member Watson

Introduced by Council Members Watson, Fisher and Ivey

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction March 18, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Enactment of Certain Ordinance of the City of Bowie

3 For the purpose of approving the enactment of Ordinance O-1-25 amending Chapter 26 of the
4 Code of the City of Bowie, concerning municipal zoning authority.

5 WHEREAS, Section 25-301, Land Use Article, Maryland Annotated Code, authorizes the
6 District Council to confer the exercise of certain powers of the District Council regarding design
7 standards; parking and loading standards; sign design standards; lot size variances and setback
8 and similar requirements; landscaping requirements; certification, revocation, and revision of
9 nonconforming uses; minor changes to approved special exceptions; vacation of municipal
10 rights-of-way; and certain detailed site plans upon the governing body of a municipal corporation
11 within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District; and

12 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council has, by virtue of §§ 27-924 and 27-925
13 of the Prince George's County Code, delegated certain authority to the City with respect to the
14 exercise of the aforementioned powers; and

15 WHEREAS, Chapter 26 of the Bowie City Code sets forth the zoning regulations and
16 procedures used by the City of Bowie in exercising the powers delegated by the District Council;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, on October 23, 2018, the Prince George's County Council adopted a new
19 Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations; and

20 WHEREAS, Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Sec, 27-3308 "Municipalities",
21 continues to allow for the delegation of authority to municipalities; and

22 WHEREAS, the Code of the City of Bowie, Chapter 26, Article II contains references to

1 the prior Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance that must be updated to reflect the
2 provisions of the new Zoning Ordinance.

3 WHEREAS, by way of its enactment of Ordinance O-1-25, the Bowie City Council desires
4 to reflect changes required due to the Prince George’s County Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and
5 CB-15-2024, The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George’s County Omnibus bill; and

6 WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures set forth in applicable state and local zoning
7 laws, the Bowie City Council passed Ordinance O-1-25 on February 3, 2025; and

8 WHEREAS, as duly enacted by the City of Bowie, Ordinance O-1-25 (attached hereto and
9 incorporated herein as “Attachment A”) repeals in its entirety and re-enacts with amendments
10 Chapter 26 of the Bowie City Code; and

11 WHEREAS, the City of Bowie, pursuant to Section 25-303(e) of the Land Use Article,
12 Annotated Code of Maryland, has delivered certified copies of Ordinance O-1-25 to the District
13 Council;

14 WHEREAS, the District Council has reviewed Ordinance O-1-25 and determined that the
15 municipal law conforms with the prescriptions of local and state zoning laws.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
17 County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington
18 Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that City of Bowie Ordinance O-1-25, as
19 set forth in Attachment A to this Resolution, be and the same is hereby APPROVED.

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council