

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2015 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-86-2015

Chapter No. 77

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Lehman

Introduced by Council Members Lehman, Turner, Franklin, Davis, Glaros, Taveras and
Patterson

Date of Introduction October 20, 2015

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Roads and Sidewalks – Design and Construction Standards and Requirements

3 For the purpose of incorporating urban street design standards set forth within *Plan Prince*

4 *George’s 2035* for Regional Transit Districts and Local Centers in Prince George’s County.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 23. ROADS AND SIDEWALKS.

7 Section 23-102,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2011 Edition; 2014 Supplement).

10 BY adding:

11 SUBTITLE 23. ROADS AND SIDEWALKS.

12 Section 23-146,

13 The Prince George’s County Code

14 (2011 Edition, 2014 Supplement).

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
16 Maryland, that Section 23-102 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same **is** hereby
17 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

18 **SUBTITLE 23. ROADS AND SIDEWALKS.**

19 **DIVISION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

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1 **Sec. 23-102. Definitions.**

2 (a) Except as herein provided, the definitions of words and phrases used in this Subtitle
3 shall be the same as stated in Subtitles 1, 4, 24, 26, and 27 of this Code. If not defined in the said
4 Subtitles or herein, the words or phrases shall have the meanings generally recognized under
5 Maryland law.

6 (b) The following words and phrases are hereby defined with respect to their use in this
7 Subtitle:

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9 (21) **Specifications.** The "General Specifications and Standards for Highway and
10 Street Construction" and the "Specifications and Standards for Highway Traffic Signals" of the
11 Department of Public Works and Transportation, as adopted by this Subtitle and as amended
12 from time to time as provided by this Subtitle, along with any construction specifications,
13 general specifications, special conditions, and terms of any covenant or agreement referenced in
14 a construction contract or a permit for road construction, as adopted pursuant to the authority of
15 the Director as provided for by this Subtitle.

16 (21.1) **Urban Design.** Design standards focused on the public streetscape within
17 urban areas, such as streets, sidewalks, street furniture and amenities, including bicycle facilities
18 that form a high-quality, pedestrian-friendly sense of place.

19 (22) **WSSC.** The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

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21 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that Section 23-146 of the Prince George's
22 County Code be and the same is hereby added:

23 **DIVISION 3. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS.**

24 **Sec. 23-146. Urban Street Design Policy.**

25 (a) The County hereby adopts an urban street design policy and principles, consistent with
26 the Council's 2014 approval of its most current general plan for the County, *Plan Prince*
27 *George's 2035.*

28 (b) All planned County financed and approved road, sidewalk, trail and transit-related
29 construction and reconstruction projects within Urban Centers in the County shall include urban
30 design policy and principles, as set forth in *Plan Prince George's 2035*, for proposed
31 construction of streets and roads for the project, except when costs shall be demonstrated to be

1 disproportionate to the projected need, or when such facilities would be inappropriate due to the
 2 nature of the project, including the context and character of the surrounding built and natural
 3 environment of the surrounding neighborhood or area.

4 (c) The Department will review and revise, as deemed necessary by the Director, plans,
 5 manuals, policies, processes and the capital improvement program to foster the implementation
 6 of a complete and green street on public roadways projects, including privately built projects
 7 approved by the Department or on non-County projects funded in part or entirely by county
 8 funds.

9 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that, on or before October 1, 2016, the County
 10 Executive shall transmit, for approval by Resolution of the County Council, regulations
 11 concerning comprehensive road design and construction standards for Regional Transit Districts
 12 and Local Centers.

13 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the County Council shall establish a Work
 14 Group composed of staff from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
 15 and all State and County road-related agencies to assess County regulations, policies, and best
 16 practices for purposes of making recommendations concerning implementation of urban design
 17 standards for Regional Transit Districts and Local Centers in the County.

1 SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
2 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2015.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

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Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
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