

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Bill No. CB-055-2025

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Burroughs

Introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Watson, Olson, Blegay, Oriadha, and Fisher

Date of Introduction May 29, 2025

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1 AN ACT concerning

2 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

3 For the purpose of approving the Prince George's County portion of the Maryland-National
 4 Capital Park and Planning Commission budget and making appropriations and levying certain
 5 taxes for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission,
 6 pursuant to the provisions of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as
 7 amended ("Land Use Article").

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
 9 Maryland, that, in accordance with Title 18 of the Land Use Article, the annual budget
 10 transmitted to the County Council by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
 11 Commission on January 15, 2025, as amended on May 9, 2025, and May 29, 2025, is approved
 12 insofar as it applies to Prince George's County subject, however, to the additions, deletions,
 13 increases or decreases thereto which are contained in Appendix A to this Act, attached hereto
 14 and incorporated as if fully stated herein, and that the revenues to be derived from the rates
 15 herein established be and the same are hereby appropriated and authorized to be disbursed for the
 16 purposes specified by the provisions of the Land Use Article, as amended, and for the support
 17 and maintenance of the purposes as expressed in the budget.

18 SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION TAX. Pursuant to Sections 18-302 and 18-307 of the
 19 Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for the Fiscal Year 2026 a tax of five and
 20 sixty-six hundredths cents (\$0.0566) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed

1 valuation of real property and fourteen and fifteen and one-half hundredths cents (\$0.14155)
 2 upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal property and
 3 operating real property described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article for property
 4 located in that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District lying within Prince
 5 George's County. The proceeds of the collection of such tax shall be paid to the Maryland-
 6 National Capital Park and Planning Commission and shall constitute the Administration Fund of
 7 said Commission. Of the proceeds collected, \$1,287,300 shall be allocated to the County
 8 Council for the reimbursement of the planning and zoning functions of the Legislative Branch, as
 9 described in the Regional District Act.

10 SECTION 3. ADVANCE LAND ACQUISITION FUND. Pursuant to the provisions of
 11 Section 18-401(c) of the Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for the Fiscal
 12 Year 2026 a tax of zero cents (\$0.00) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed
 13 valuation of real property and zero cents (\$0.00) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of
 14 assessed valuation of personal property and operating real property described in Section 8-109 of
 15 the Tax-Property Article, assessable according to the laws of Maryland and subject to taxation in
 16 Prince George's County, to be utilized for advance land acquisition in Prince George's County, in
 17 accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-cited statute, as amended. The proceeds
 18 from the collection of said tax shall be paid to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
 19 Commission for the purpose of debt service on the principal and interest on bonds issued for the
 20 Commission's land acquisition revolving fund, and any excess shall be paid into said fund.

21 SECTION 4. METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAX-MANDATORY. Pursuant to the
 22 provisions of Sections 18-302 and 18-304(b) of the Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed
 23 and levied for the Fiscal Year 2026 a tax of four cents (\$0.04) upon each one hundred dollars
 24 (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property and ten cents (\$0.10) upon each one hundred
 25 dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal property and operating real property
 26 described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article subject to assessment and taxation by
 27 Prince George's County which is located in that portion of the Maryland-Washington
 28 Metropolitan District lying within Prince George's County. The proceeds of the collection of
 29 such tax shall be paid to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and shall
 30 be applied to the purposes set forth in Section 18-304(b) of the Land Use Article.

31 SECTION 5. METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAX-DISCRETIONARY. Pursuant to

Section 18-304(c) of the Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for Fiscal Year 2026 a tax of eleven and ninety-four hundredths cents (\$0.1194) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property and twenty-nine and eighty-five hundredths cents (\$0.2985) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal property and operating real property described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article subject to assessment and taxation by Prince George's County which is located in that portion of the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District within Prince George's County. The proceeds of the collection of such tax shall be paid to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and shall be applied to the purposes set forth in Subtitle 3, Title 18 of the Land Use Article. As such, and pursuant to Sections 18-109, 18-304(c)(2), and 18-304(d)(i)–(ii) of the Land Use Article, as well as Section 10-112.32(d) of the Prince George's County Code, the Council hereby states, as justification for that portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget exceeding the Spending Affordability Commission's recommended overall spending ceiling of \$223.8 million for the Park Fund by approximately \$7.2 million, such additional appropriations are the result of increases to enhance park services for the benefit of the County.

SECTION 6. RECREATION TAX. Pursuant to Sections 18-302 and 18-306 of the Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for the Fiscal Year 2026 a tax to support recreational activities in the amount of seven and eighty hundredths cents (\$0.0780) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property and nineteen and forty-nine and one-half hundredths cents (\$0.19495) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal property and operating real property described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article subject to assessment and taxation by Prince George's County. The proceeds of such tax shall be remitted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and shall be applied to the purposes set forth in Subtitle 3, Title 18 of the Land Use Article. As such, and pursuant to Sections 18-109, 18-306(b)(2), and 18-306(d) of the Land Use Article, as well as Section 10-112.32(d) of the Prince George's County Code, the Council hereby states, as justification for that portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget exceeding the Spending Affordability Commission's recommended overall spending ceiling of \$147.5 million for recreation projects by approximately \$7.8 million, such additional appropriations are the result of increases to enhance

1 recreation services for the benefit of the County.

2 SECTION 7. The County Council of Prince George's County hereby adopts the schedules
3 "Revenues as to Source" as set forth in Appendix A to this enactment and incorporates said
4 Appendix herein by this reference.

5 SECTION 8. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ("OPEB"). The budget
6 reflects funding for the annual required contribution ("ARC") and the pay-as-you-go amount to
7 prefund retiree medical costs.

8 SECTION 9. GRANT AND SPECIAL FUNDING. All grants and Land Reclamation
9 revenue received by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall be
10 considered as additions to, and automatic amendments of, the Commission's Operating and CIP
11 Budgets and work programs, provided that the Commission shall have advised the County
12 Council of such revenue at the time the revenue was being sought, whether by grant application
13 or by other applicable special funding application procedures. This section does not, in any way,
14 affect the process for legislative appropriation of tax revenue to the Commission.

15 SECTION 10. PARK ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT. The Prince George's
16 County portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Fiscal Year
17 2026 Capital Budget is hereby adopted and shall consist of all previously approved park
18 acquisition and development projects (as revised) with appropriations in the budget year of the
19 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Fiscal Years 2026–2031 Capital
20 Improvement Program as such projects are included in the adopted Prince George's County
21 Fiscal Years 2026–2031 Capital Improvement Program and the new projects listed in Appendix
22 B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. As such, and pursuant to Section 18-109 of
23 the Land Use Article, as well as Section 10-112.32(d) of the Prince George's County Code, the
24 Council hereby states, as justification for that portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and
25 Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget exceeding the Spending Affordability
26 Commission's recommended overall spending ceiling of \$124.8 million for capital projects by
27 approximately \$4.8 million, such additional appropriations are the result of updated costs for
28 projects underway; funding approved by the Maryland General Assembly; and increases to
29 support new projects for the benefit of the County.

30 SECTION 11. GUARANTEE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON BONDS. Pursuant
31 to the provisions of Section 18-204 of the Land Use Article, the payment of the principal of and

1 interest on any and all bonds sold by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
 2 Commission, the proceeds of which are to be used to finance any of the projects adopted by
 3 Section 10, are hereby guaranteed by the County as provided in Land Use Article. The guarantee
 4 shall be in the form described by Section 18-204 of the Land Use Article and shall be endorsed
 5 on the bonds on behalf of the County by the manual or facsimile signature of the County
 6 Executive. The full faith and credit of the County is hereby irrevocably pledged to the
 7 fulfillment of the guarantee of the payment of interest when due and the principal on maturity
 8 and taxes will be levied in accordance with Sections 18-209, 18-302, 18-304(a), 18-304(b), 18-
 9 304(c), and 18-304(e) of the Land Use Article, as necessary. The County Executive and the
 10 Clerk of the Council are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to adopt and record their
 11 facsimile signatures and to execute all documents required for the sale of the bonds.

12 **SECTION 12. PROJECT CHARGES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT.** The County Council
 13 of Prince George’s County, in adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, has included \$6.8 million in
 14 the Park Fund and \$14.7 million in the Recreation Fund for project charges. Any revenue from
 15 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“M-NCPPC”) funds used for project
 16 charges or program support of County programs shall be based on quarterly invoices submitted
 17 by the County to M-NCPPC or such other methods as the County and M-NCPPC shall mutually
 18 agree upon.

19 **SECTION 13. NON-DEPARTMENTAL – TAX SUPPORTED FUNDING.** The
 20 Commission is hereby authorized to distribute non-departmental compensation funding to the
 21 applicable departments and divisions in accordance with ratified collective bargaining
 22 agreements and which does not exceed the amount proposed in the FY 2026 budget.

23 **SECTION 14. SEVERABILITY.** If the application of this Act or any section, subsection,
 24 sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, as it applies in any circumstances, case, or instance
 25 to any person, firm, or corporation is, for any reason, found or held to be invalid or
 26 unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then such section, subsection, sentence,
 27 clause, phrase, or portion and application thereof to such circumstances, case or instance as to
 28 any person, firm or corporation, shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent act,
 29 finding, or holding, and such act, finding or holding shall not affect the validity and application
 30 of the remaining portions thereof or the particular portion as it affects other persons, firms, or
 31 corporations.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Adopted this 29th day of May 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Tara H. Jackson
Acting County Executive

Note: See Appendices A & B