

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

Bill No. CB-044-2025

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Burroughs and Oriadha

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Vacant Real Properties Tax Rate

3 For the purpose of establishing a real property tax rate for real properties consisting of vacant
4 houses/buildings or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other
5 authorized use on a housing or building violation notice and specifying the use of the proceeds
6 from the aforementioned tax.

7 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

8 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

9 Sections 10-173.00.01,

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

12 BY adding:

13 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

14 Sections 10-173.00.02,

15 The Prince George's County Code

16 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

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18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
19 Maryland, that Sections 10-173.00.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is
20 hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

21 **SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.**

DIVISION 4. REAL ESTATE TAXES.

Sec. 10-173.00.01. Tax rate on vacant real property.

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 6-202.1 and 6-302 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Prince George's County is establishing a special real property tax rate for a vacant houses/buildings or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice and the assessment and the rate [will be determined by further enactment] shall be subject to taxation for the full taxable year beginning on July 1 at three (3) times the regular tax rate levied for State and County purposes for the year.

SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 10-173.00.02 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby added:

SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

DIVISION 4. REAL ESTATE TAXES.

Sec. 10-173.00.02. Dedication of property tax on vacant real property.

(a) The proceeds of the property tax imposed under Section 10-173.00.01 shall be used exclusively to improve literacy and mathematics outcomes in the lowest quartile Title I schools of the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) as identified based on the most recent Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program.

(b) The proceeds provided under Section 10-173.00.01 of the Prince George's County Public Schools shall not be used to supplant any Federal, State or Local funding currently designated for literacy and mathematics programs. The funds shall be used only to:

(1) Create new literacy and mathematics intervention programs targeted toward students in the lowest-performing Title I schools or

(2) Expand or enhance existing evidenced-based literacy and mathematics programs to increase their reach or effectiveness within the lowest quartile Title 1 schools based on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program.

(3) Establish or expand existing evidence-based mentoring programs that reduce chronic absenteeism with the lowest quartile Title schools based on the Maryland State Department of Education definition of a chronically absent student.

(c) The allocation of funds under this Section shall be determined by the Prince George's

1 County Board of Education in collaboration with the County Council and shall require approval
2 by formal resolution of the Board. The resolution shall specify the schools to receive funding, the
3 programs to be supported or created, and the expected outcomes associated with the use of the
4 funds.

5 (d) The Prince George’s County Board of Education shall submit an annual report to the
6 County Council and County Executive detailing:

- 7 (1) The allocation of funds by school and program; and
8 (2) The performance metrics used to assess program impact; and
9 (3) A summary of progress toward improving literacy and mathematics outcomes
10 among students served.

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12 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
13 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
14 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
15 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
16 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
17 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
18 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
19 or section.

20 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
21 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 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

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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