

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2024 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-082-2024

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Commercial Property Standards

3 For the purpose of prohibiting linear lights in commercial storefronts to reduce the harmful
4 effects of light pollution on Prince George’s County residents and neighborhoods.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.

7 Sections 13-231, 13-243

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2023 Edition).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Sections 13-231 and 13-243 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same
12 are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 **SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.**

14 **DIVISION 7. PROPERTY STANDARDS AND MAINTENANCE.**

15 **Sec. 13-231. Definitions.**

16 (a) The following words and phrases shall have the meanings indicated:

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18 (2.2) Linear lighting shall mean all types of illumination, static or flashing, internal or
19 external, fully or partially outlining architectural features such as doors, windows,
20 walls, wall edges or other structural/building elements and which may attract attention
21 or be used as a means of identification or marketing, not including holiday decorations.

1 **Sec. 12-243. Signs, marquees, and awnings.**

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3 (c) Linear lighting is prohibited on all buildings and structures used for commercial
4 purposes.

5 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
6 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
7 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
8 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
9 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
10 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
11 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
12 or section.

13 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)
14 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
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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