

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2014 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-67-2014

Proposed by Council Member Patterson

Introduced by Council Members Patterson, Lehman, Harrison, Franklin, Turner and Davis

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction July 8, 2014

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George’s County Business and Entertainment District

3 For the purpose of establishing a Prince George’s County Business and Entertainment District.

4 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County is uniquely situated to attract and promote business  
5 and entertainment industries with its close proximity to the Nation’s Capital, well-developed  
6 transportation and mass transit network, diverse, high-value economy that includes many assets  
7 such as numerous federal installations and the location of National Harbor, a 300-acre multi-use  
8 waterfront development on the banks of the Potomac River; and

9 WHEREAS, on July 16, 2013, the County Council adopted CR-75-2013 that endorsed the  
10 May 2013 “Economic Drivers and Catalysts: A Targeted Economic Development Strategy for  
11 Prince George’s County, Maryland” report and adopted the economic actions and strategies set  
12 forth therein; and

13 WHEREAS, the 2013 Economic Development Strategy identified locations that provide  
14 opportunities for the County to focus strategic marketing and investment to spur economic  
15 development; and

16 WHEREAS, the Economic Development Strategy identified National Harbor as one of six  
17 “Economic Submarkets” in the County based on existing concentrations of targeted industry  
18 clusters or Class A office uses; and

19 WHEREAS, National Harbor is located between Fort Washington, Maryland (population  
20 23,717) and Oxon Hill, Maryland (population 17,722) and it continues to thrive with the addition  
21 of Tanger Outlets, numerous shops, restaurants, hotels, and other amenities such as the Capital  
22 Wheel; and

1       WHEREAS, over 3,610 individuals reside and over 6,000 individuals are employed at  
2 National Harbor, respectively; and

3       WHEREAS, the proposed site of the MGM Resort is located at National Harbor, and it is  
4 anticipated that existing businesses will grow while other businesses and retail stores will  
5 relocate to the MD 210 Corridor because of its unique location in proximity to National Harbor,  
6 the District of Columbia, and Virginia.

7       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
8 County, Maryland, that the National Harbor and MD 210 Corridor be and the same are hereby  
9 established as a Business and Entertainment District ("District").

10       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the County Council, in partnership  
11 with the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, to promote the  
12 establishment of additional entertainment, recreation and tourism, and assist existing businesses  
13 that support and cater to that industry located in the District.

14       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that potentially qualified businesses located in or  
15 considering moving to the District are strongly encouraged to apply for economic development  
16 funding through the Prince George's County Economic Development Incentive (EDI) Fund.

17       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional economic incentives can be added to this  
18 District in the future.

19       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that signage identifying the Business and Entertainment  
20 District shall be one of the methods to promote the District.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S  
COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF  
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL  
DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,  
MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mel Franklin  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council