

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2022 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-086-2022

Chapter No. 74

Proposed and Presented by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Turner, Streeter, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey,  
Medlock and Franklin

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

Date of Introduction September 27, 2022

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Housing Policy And Implementation Advisory Board

3 For the purpose of establishing a Housing Policy and Implementation Advisory Board as  
4 recommended by the Housing Opportunities For All Workgroup; setting forth the qualifications  
5 for members and composition of the Housing Policy and Implementation Advisory Board;  
6 setting forth the method of appointments; defining the length of term of the appointments and the  
7 method of filling vacancies; establishing the responsibilities of the Housing Policy and  
8 Implementation Advisory Board; providing for certain meeting requirements; providing for  
9 certain reporting requirements; and generally relating to housing policy, housing advice and  
10 implementation of housing development in Prince George’s County.

11 BY adding:

12 **SUBTITLE 15C. HOUSING POLICY AND**  
13 **IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY BOARD.**

14 **Sections 15C-101 through 15C-106,**

15 The Prince George's County Code

16 (2019 Edition; 2021 Supplement).

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
18 Maryland, that Sections 15C-101, 15C-102, 15C-103, 15C-103, 15C-104, 15C-105 and 15-106  
19 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby added with the following  
20 amendments:

1 **SUBTITLE 15C. HOUSING POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY BOARD.**

2 **DIVISION 1. AUTHORIZATION.**

3 **WHEREAS**, In April of 2019, Prince George’s County Council established the Housing  
4 Opportunities for All Workgroup (Workgroup) adopted through CR-16-2019 to assist with  
5 implementation of the Housing Opportunity for All initiative. The Workgroup helped set  
6 priorities; provided advice on proposed legislation related to housing; and recommended possible  
7 changes to policies, programs, procedures, or resources related to housing; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Housing Opportunity for All, Prince George’s County’s comprehensive  
9 housing strategy (CHS), represents the County’s 10-year plan to serve the housing needs of all  
10 county residents, both current and future, while expanding access to opportunity through housing  
11 investments. Implementing Housing Opportunity for All will help further establish the county as  
12 a community of choice in the Washington, DC metropolitan region—a place where families and  
13 individuals can live, grow, and thrive. Housing Opportunity for All was designed to achieve  
14 three primary goals:

15 1. Support existing residents, which includes long-time residents, seniors, residents with  
16 disabilities, and residents at-risk of displacement, and

17 2. Attract new residents, including millennials & families, employers, and developers,  
18 and

19 3. Build on strategic investments & submarket conditions, including transit-oriented  
20 development areas like the Purple Line Corridor, areas around strategic assets & major  
21 public investments, and areas designated as federal Opportunity Zones; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Workgroup’s term was extended, pursuant to CR-21-2021, to continue  
23 conducting discussions around the housing targets and housing-related tools and members  
24 identified a need for Prince George’s County to establish two housing bodies with distinct  
25 functions – one advising on housing policy and another related to landlord-tenant issues;

26 **WHEREAS**, as the Workgroup concluded its three-year effort, Workgroup members  
27 agreed that their work needed to continue and that the new objectives should include providing  
28 future information for the County Council and the public of the recommendations around what  
29 boards or commissions should be formed after the work sunsets. To that end, the Workgroup  
30 reviewed several existing boards and commissions across the region and concluded, inter alia,  
31 that the County Council should establish a Housing Policy & Implementation Advisory Board  
32 for Prince George’s County (Board).

1        **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED**, That the Laws of Prince Georges County,  
2 Maryland shall read as follows:

3 **Sec. 15C-101. Purpose of the Housing Policy and Implementation Advisory Board (Board).**

- 4        (a) The purpose of the Board is to monitor implementation of core housing  
5        recommendations and progress toward meeting their outcomes;  
6        (b) It will provide advice on housing policy and implementation of housing and  
7        development tools;  
8        (c) It will advocate for new or modified housing & development tools to aid in  
9        implementation;  
10       (d) It will educate residents about housing needs affecting residents and actions to address  
11       them; and  
12       (e) It will strive to provide equal access to high quality residences for all citizens of Prince  
13       Georges County regardless of race, gender, address, disability status, socioeconomic  
14       status, or language spoken.  
15       (f) The Board is an independent unit of County government.

16 **Sec. 15C-102. The Board's Authority.**

17 The Board has the following authority:

- 18       (a) Provide advice on housing policy;  
19       (b) Provide guidance on the implementation of housing and development tools;  
20       (c) Review and report on data related to housing needs affecting Prince George's County  
21       residents;  
22       (d) Review data related to the implementation of housing recommendations;  
23       (e) Review and assess implementation progress of housing recommendations;  
24       (f) Monitor progress toward achieving the County's housing goals and recommend  
25       adjustments, as needed;  
26       (g) Recommend new or modified housing and development tools as needs or goals change;  
27       and  
28       (h) Educate residents about housing needs affecting residents and actions needed to address  
29       them;  
30       (i) Issue an annual report to Prince George's County Council on implementation progress  
31       and state of housing in the county; and

1 (j) Serve as a liaison to Prince George’s County Planning Board on housing-related matters.

2 **DIVISION 2. BOARD COMPOSITION.**

3 **Sec. 15C-103. Board Membership.**

4 (a) The Board shall be made up of representatives from a variety of sectors and  
 5 perspectives, and shall reflect to the extent practicable, the geographic, racial, ethnic,  
 6 cultural, and gender diversity of Prince George’s County, and shall include:  
 7 housing representatives from the public, private & nonprofit sectors;  
 8 residents that have experienced housing instability; housing law advocates; and  
 9 residents reflecting the various geographic areas from across Prince George’s County.

10 (b) All members selected to serve on the Board shall be residents of or employed in Prince  
 11 Georges’ County.

12 (c) The Housing Policy and Implementation Advisory Board (Board) shall consist of  
 13 thirteen (13) voting members, and shall include the following:

14 (1) The Director of Department of Housing and Community Development or its  
 15 designee. This person shall serve as Chair of the Board;

16 (2) A representative or designee nominated and selected by the County Council. This  
 17 person shall serve as the Vice Chair of the Board;

18 (3) Five housing and developer industry representatives with expertise in housing  
 19 policy, one of which shall possess experience in developing affordable housing;

20 (4) Six representatives with expertise in housing policy which will include  
 21 representatives from the senior population, faith-based industry, housing advocacy  
 22 affiliates, disability advocates; non-profit developers, immigrant and diverse  
 23 cultural advocates, municipal governments, and non-profit legal service  
 24 communities;

25 (d) Agency representatives from the Department of Social Services, Department of  
 26 Planning, and Department of Housing Authority shall participate as non-voting  
 27 members of the Board.

28 (e) The County Executive shall nominate members to the Board and the County Council  
 29 shall confirm the appointment of all nominees.

30 (f) A member of the Board:

31 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Board; but

1           (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard travel regulations for  
2           duties performed under this subtitle.

3   **Sec. 15C-104. Term of Board Membership and Vacancies.**

4           (a) Board Members shall serve no more than two (2) year terms.

5           (b) Each member’s term of appointment shall be staggered as follows:

6                 (1) The terms of four initial members shall terminate on October 1, 2024;

7                 (2) The terms of another group of four initial members shall terminate on October 1,  
8                 2025;

9                 (3) The terms of the other group of five members shall terminate on October 1, 2026.

10          (c) Board Vacancies shall be filled by appointment and confirmation by the County  
11          Council for the remainder of an unexpired term of the departing member of the Board.

12          (d) The County Executive may remove any member who has had more than three (3)  
13          unexcused absences in one calendar year, upon the written notification and  
14          recommendation of the Chairperson of the Board. The Board Member shall be replaced  
15          by appointment by the County Council. The Board Chair shall provide documentation  
16          of the Board member’s unexcused absences.

17          (e) The members of the Board and Chair, Sub Committee Chairs and any staff are subject to  
18          the Maryland Public Ethics Laws and Prince George’s County Public Ethics Laws.

19                                   **DIVISION 3. BOARD CONDUCT.**

20   **Sec. 15C-105. Board Meetings.**

21          (a) The Board is anticipated to meet four to six times a year.

22          (b) All meetings shall be made available to the public through live video streaming.

23          (c) The Board shall make publicly available on the Internet a complete, unedited archived  
24          video recording of each open meeting for a minimum of 5 years after the date of the  
25          meeting.

26          (d) All meetings shall be advertised via social media and the Prince George’s County  
27          website.

28          (e) Any subcommittee(s) created by the Board:

29                 (1.) shall hold meetings at advertised times between scheduled Board meetings; and

30                 (2.) shall advertise meetings in the same manner that the Board’s meetings are advertised.

31          (f) The Board may adopt bylaws for the conduct of its business.

1        (g) The Board is subject to the Public Information Act.

2        (h) The Board is subject to the Open Meetings Act.

3        **Sec. 15C-106. Board Reporting Requirements.**

4        (a) The Board shall provide a briefing for the County Executive and the County Council  
5                annually on or before June 30th.

6        (b) At least once annually, the Board should hold a public meeting to share its work  
7                progress and to hear from county residents on their housing instability experiences, any  
8                other housing related issues and the community’s priorities on housing policy.

9        (c) This annual public meeting shall be held after the publication and advertising of the  
10                annual report.

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12        SECTION 2. 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 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)  
21        calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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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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