

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2026 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-057-2026
 Proposed by Council Member Dernoga
 Introduced by Council Members Dernoga and Oriadha
 Co-Sponsors _____
 Date of Introduction May 26, 2026

CHARTER AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Amendment of Sections 301, 303, 307, and 307A, Charter of Prince George's County
 3 For the purpose of proposing amendments to Sections 301, 303, 307, and 307A, of the Charter of
 4 Prince George's County to repeal at-large members for the composition of the Council, to provide
 5 for nine Council district members, to repeal the eligibility requirements of at-large members of the
 6 Council, to repeal the eligibility of Council members to be at-large members for additional
 7 consecutive terms, to provide a severability clause, to provide that the amendments to the Charter
 8 contained herein are effective for the term beginning at noon on the first Monday in December
 9 2030 and for each election cycle thereafter, and generally regarding repealing at-large council
 10 members for the composition of the Council.

11 BY proposing amendments to:

12 Sections 301, 303, 307, and 307A,
 13 Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland.

14 SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince
 15 George's County, Maryland, that the following amendments to Sections 301, 303, 307, and 307A,
 16 Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland, are hereby proposed:

17 **Sec. 301. Composition.**

18 The Legislative Branch of the County government shall consist of the County Council,
 19 hereinafter referred to as the Council, and the officers and employees thereof. The Council shall
 20 be composed of nine district members [and two at-large members].

Sec. 303.- Election.

The Council shall be elected at the same time as State officers and in the manner provided by law. Each district member of the Council, at the time of their election, shall reside in a different one of the nine Council districts of the County, and shall be nominated and elected by the qualified voters of the Council district in which they reside. [Two members of the Council shall be nominated and elected by the qualified voters of the entire County.]

Sec. 307. Qualifications and Restrictions.

[An at-large Council member shall have been a qualified voter of Prince George's County for at least one year immediately preceding their general election.] Council members representing one of the nine Council districts shall have been a qualified voter of their respective Council district for at least one year immediately preceding their general election. In an election year immediately following an approved decennial redistricting plan changing the boundaries of any Council district, the one-year residency requirement immediately preceding the general election shall not apply if a person is deemed a qualified voter but no longer resides in their former Council district because of a boundary change in the approved decennial redistricting plan. Such person shall have resided in their former Council district for at least one-year immediately preceding their general election and shall reside in the same Council district as changed in the approved decennial redistricting plan by the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy. During their term of office, they shall not hold any other office of profit in state, county, or municipal government. A Council member shall not, during the whole term for which they were elected, be eligible for appointment to any County office or position carrying compensation which has been created during their term of office.

Section 307A. - Term Limitation.

No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the County Council. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as County Executive [; provided that a Council member who has served two terms as a district member shall be eligible to run for an at-large seat on the Council and is eligible to serve for no more than two consecutive terms as an at-large member. This Section shall apply to all persons who are currently serving on the County Council or as County Executive on the effective date of this Section and to all persons elected thereafter].

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

10 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments to the Charter contained
11 herein are effective for the term beginning at noon on the first Monday in December 2030 and for
12 each election cycle thereafter.

13 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted
14 to the County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Board of
15 Supervisors of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County
16 at the 2026 General Election.

17 SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of adoption of this proposed
18 Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election
19 occurring on November 3, 2026, and shall be placed on the ballot in substantially the following
20 form:

1 QUESTION
2 CHARTER AMENDMENT
3 **ELIMINATE AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS**
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5 Effective December 2030, and for each subsequent election cycle, this measure will reduce
6 the County Council membership from 11 members to 9 members by eliminating the two at-large
7 council seats which do not represent a specific council district. This measure will provide for more
8 efficient and cost-effective elections and will restore the voting strength of communities and
9 neighborhoods in each district.

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11 A vote for the measure will reduce the County Council membership from 11 members to 9
12 members and eliminate spending of taxpayer dollars for general and special elections for at-large
13 members and for the compensation of the offices for at-large members. A vote against the measure
14 will keep the County Council membership at 11 members and will not eliminate spending of
15 taxpayer dollars for general and special elections for at-large members and for the compensation
16 of the offices for at-large members.

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18 For the Charter Amendment
19 Against the Charter Amendment

Adopted this 22nd day of June , 2026, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
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.