

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

Bill No. CB-029-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Olson, Blegay, Dernoga, Adams and Adams-
Stafford

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 21, 2026

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Dine-in Restaurant Permitting Incentive Act of 2026

3 For the purpose of providing for a reduction in permitting fees for sit-down restaurants to
4 stimulate restaurant growth in Prince George’s County; and generally relating to permitting fees.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

7 Section 2-253.63

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Section 2-253.63 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

14 DIVISION 14C. FEES AND CHARGES.

15 **Sec. 2-253.63. Fees and Charges.**

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17 (j) Sit-down Restaurant Permitting Incentive Program.

18 (1) Definition. For the purposes of this subsection, **Sit-down restaurant** means a
19 restaurant, as defined pursuant to Part 27-2 of Subtitle 27 of the Code, whose principal method of
20 operation consists of sit-down table service provided by dedicated waitstaff for on-site food and

1 beverage consumption. A sit-down restaurant must provide table service to at least ninety percent
2 (90%) of its patrons, and one-hundred percent (100%) of its patrons must be served by dedicated
3 waitstaff. Restaurants whose principal method of operation is counter service, quick service, or
4 carryout food and beverage service for offsite consumption are not sit-down restaurants under
5 this Subsection. Restaurants that provide drive through service are not sit-down restaurants under
6 this Subsection.

7 (2) Sit-down Restaurant Permitting Incentive. Fees and charges pursuant to this section
8 assessed to a business that is a sit-down restaurant or to an applicant to operate as a sit-down
9 restaurant shall be discounted by fifty percent (50%) at the time of such assessment.

10 (3) The Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement:

11 (A) shall interpret this Section and assess the features of a business applicant to
12 determine whether the business is a sit-down restaurant in accordance with this Subsection
13 before applying the discount prescribed herein; and

14 (B) is authorized to promulgate regulations to administer this Act, subject to approval
15 by resolution of the County Council.

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

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

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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.