

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2013 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-55-2013  
 Chapter No. 44  
 Proposed and Presented by Council Member Olson  
 Introduced by Council Members Olson, Lehman, Patterson, Franklin, Davis and Turner  
 Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Introduction September 24, 2013

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Green Business Advisory Committee

3 For the purpose of establishing a Green Business Advisory Committee, setting forth the  
 4 appointment and membership requirements, purpose and function, and generally relating to  
 5 green business development in Prince George's County.

6 BY adding:

7 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

8 Sections 2-447, 2-448 and 2-449,

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2007 Edition, 2011 Supplement).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
 12 Maryland, that Sections 2-447, 2-448 and 2-449 of the Prince George's County Code be and the  
 13 same are hereby added:

14 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

15 **DIVISION 33. [RESERVED] GREEN BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

16 **Sec. 2-447. Green Business Advisory Committee established, purpose.**

17 (a) A committee to be known as the "Green Business Advisory Committee" is hereby  
 18 established.

19 (b) The purpose of the Green Business Advisory Committee shall be to review County  
 20 policies and practices on the development, retention and expansion of green and sustainable  
 21 businesses in the County, the implementation of any tax and other economic development

incentives and to make recommendations to the County Council, the County Executive and the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation.

**Sec. 2-448. Membership, appointment, terms, officers, vacancies.**

(a) The Green Business Advisory Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the County Executive and subject to confirmation by the County Council. Three (3) members shall be directly affiliated with businesses or business organizations in Prince George's County, including one (1) member representing the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation; three (3) members shall be citizens with no affiliation with the industry; and one (1) member shall represent the County Council. Members shall be selected so as to represent diverse geographic locations and a broad range of interests and associations.

(b) The term of office for each member shall be for two (2) years; however, the terms of the initial appointments shall be staggered with four (4) members appointed to two (2) year terms and three (3) members appointed to one (1) year terms.

(c) The Green Business Advisory Committee members shall elect annually from its own membership a chairman and such other officers as it deems necessary. Technical support shall be provided by the Department of Environmental Resources.

(d) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired terms in the manner the appointments are initially made.

**Sec. 2-449. Duties, meetings, reports.**

(a) The Green Business Advisory Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) Identify, analyze, and evaluate all programs and services in the State and County related specifically to the needs of green and sustainability businesses, and to promote the development of other programs and services when a need for services is determined;

(2) Advise and counsel the residents of the County, the County Council, the County Executive, and the various departments of County, State and Federal governments on matters involving the needs of green and sustainability businesses and to recommend such procedures, programs, or legislation as it may deem necessary and proper to promote and insure opportunities for their development, retention and expansion in the County;

1           (3) Research, assemble, analyze, and disseminate pertinent data and educational  
 2 materials relating to activities and programs which will assist in meeting the needs of green and  
 3 sustainability businesses;

4           (4) Hold such public forums or hearings as are necessary and appropriate to carry out  
 5 the powers and duties of the Committee; and

6           (b) The Green Business Advisory Committee shall meet in public session on call of the  
 7 chairman as frequently as required to perform its duties and exercise its responsibilities but not  
 8 less than twice a year.

9           (c) The Green Business Advisory Committee shall submit such reports to the County  
 10 Executive and County Council summarizing its activities with any recommendations or requests  
 11 it deems appropriate to further the public purpose of the committee.

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, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

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

Adopted this 22nd day of October, 2013.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea C. Harrison  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker, III  
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.