COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND 2000 Legislative Session

Bill No.	CB-39-2000	
Chapter No.	19	
Proposed and Presented by	d Presented by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)	
Introduced by Council Members Shapiro and Bailey		
Co-Sponsors		
Date of Introduction	April 25, 2000	

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Water Quality Refunding Bonds,

Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration

For the purpose of authorizing and empowering Prince George's County, Maryland, to borrow money and incur indebtedness in a principal amount not to exceed Eight Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$8,550,000) under a loan agreement (the "Loan Agreement") between the County and the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration (the "Water Quality Administration"), to be evidenced and secured by the County's Water Quality Refunding Bonds, Series 2000B (the "Series 2000B Refunding Bonds"), in principal amount equal to the amount of the loan (the "Loan") to borrow money and incur indebtedness in order to partially refund and refinance the County's \$25,000,000 General Obligation Stormwater Management Bonds, Series 1993 (the "Series 1993 Bonds"); and the \$5,650,000 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Stormwater Management Bonds, Series 1997B (the "Series 1997B Bonds") originally issued pursuant to Council Bills Nos. CB-100-1992 and CB-27-1996; prescribing the procedures for the issuance and private sale of such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds to the Water Quality Administration; providing for the levy and collection of taxes necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds when due; covenanting that the proceeds of such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds (or any moneys which may be deemed to be such proceeds) shall not be used in a manner which would cause the bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" and covenanting on other matters relating to the tax exempt status of interest on such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds; showing compliance with the limitations on the power of the

20

21

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

County to incur indebtedness; covenanting that the proceeds of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds will not be used in a manner to cause such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds to be arbitrage bonds and covenanting on other matters relating to the tax exempt status of interest on such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that pursuant to (i) Article 25A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Cumulative Supplement); (ii) Section 24 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Cumulative Supplement)(the "Refunding Act"); (iii) Subtitle 2 of Title 3 of Article 29 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)("Subtitle 2") and (iii) Sections 9-1601 through 9-1622 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)(the "Water Quality Act") (collectively, the "Enabling Legislation"), the County is hereby authorized (i) to borrow money and incur indebtedness in the maximum principal amount not to exceed \$8,550,000 under the Loan Agreement between the County and the Water Quality Administration, which loan shall be evidenced and secured by the County's Water Quality Refunding Bonds, Series 2000B (the "Series 2000B Refunding Bonds") and (ii) to apply the proceeds of the Loan in order to partially refund or refinance certain maturities of the Series 1993 Bonds and Series 1997B Bonds (the "Refunded Bonds").

The Series 2000B Refunding Bonds are specifically exempted from the provisions of Sections 10 and 11 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, replaced or recodified from time to time. The powers granted under this Act are additional and cumulative and the bonds authorized by this Act may be issued, notwithstanding that other bond acts or laws may provide for the same or similar purposes. This Act does not modify or repeal any prior acts granting bond issuing authority for the same or similar purposes.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the County Executive or, if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, is hereby authorized to provide such other or alternative designation as he or she deems necessary or convenient to indicate the series of or the year of issuance of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the County Executive, or if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, is authorized to identify those maturities and portions of the Series 1993 Bonds and Series 1997B Bonds to be refunded (the "Refunded Bonds"). In making such determination, the County Executive, or by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer delivered prior to the date of closing is hereby authorized to identify the projects originally financed with proceeds from the Refunded Bonds (the "Projects") and the probable average useful life of these Projects. The County Executive, or if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, must provide, by order, that the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds shall be made payable within the probable useful life of the Projects. The Projects shall each constitute a "wastewater facility" as that term is defined in the Water Quality Act and the Loan Agreement.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, the County Executive or, if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, shall determine all matters relating to the sale, issuance, delivery and payment of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, including all matters relating to the forms, dates and denominations of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, the principal maturities, the methods to be used in determining interest payable on the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, the provision of bond insurance on all or any portion of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, and provisions for registration of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, for their prepayment prior to stated maturity, and for the use of facsimile signatures or seals, whether the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds are to be issued in book-entry form and all matters incident to the issuance of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds in book-entry form. The County Executive or, if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, shall provide for the form, numbering, term and authentication of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds pursuant to Section 826 of the County Charter. The County Executive or, if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, may establish the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds in an amount equal to (i) the costs of issuance of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds; and (ii) an amount which

will be sufficient to purchase Escrow Securities (hereinafter defined) which will be delivered on the date of delivery of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds (the "Closing Date") and mature in principal amount at such times and bear interest at a rate or rates so that sufficient moneys will be available from such maturing principal and interest and any cash balance, without reinvestment to pay at maturity or redeem the Refunded Bonds on the maturity or redemption dates and at the principal amounts or redemption prices specified in the Escrow Deposit Agreement (hereinafter defined) and to pay all interest accrued and to accrue on all the Refunded Bonds from their most recent interest payment dates to the respective maturity or redemption dates for such Refunded Bonds; provided that the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds shall not exceed Eight Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$8,550,000). The Series 2000A Refunding Bonds shall be subject to mandatory prepayment and may be prepaid at the option of the County in accordance with the Loan Agreement. The aggregate principal amount of Series 2000B Refunding Bonds authorized to be issued hereunder may be increased by a supplemental ordinance.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that, in order to achieve the flexibility necessary to structure and market the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds to the Water Quality Administration, the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds may be sold at private (negotiated) sale to the Water Quality Administration pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, a copy of which is set forth in Exhibit 1, and made a part hereof by reference, to be entered into by the County and the Water Quality Administration providing for a loan to the County and the terms and provisions of such loan is hereby approved. The County is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement on behalf of the County in substantially the form hereby approved, with such insertions as are therein and in this Ordinance indicated and with such changes as are approved by the County Executive, or, if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, consistent with the terms of this Ordinance and in accordance with the provisions of Water Quality Act. The Loan Agreement and all the covenants and conditions set forth therein, including, without limitation, payment to the Water Quality Administration of the annual Administrative Fee, are hereby approved and adopted as the obligation of the County.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds shall contain similar provisions and be in substantially the form set forth as Exhibit F to the Loan

Agreement, and Series 2000B Refunding Bonds issued substantially in accordance with said form, with appropriate insertions or deletions as indicated, when properly executed and authenticated as required by this Section shall be deemed to constitute unconditional general obligations of the County, to the payment of which, in accordance with the terms thereof, its full faith and credit are pledged, and all the covenants and conditions contained in the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds shall be deemed to be binding upon the County. Authority is hereby conferred on the County Executive or, if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, to complete, delete or modify the blanks in the respective bond forms with necessary information, to insert applicable paragraphs as indicated or needed and to make such additions, deletions and substitutions in the respective bond forms, not inconsistent with this Act or the County Charter, as may be necessary or desirable for the sale of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, including (without limitation) such additions, deletions and substitutions as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the establishment or discontinuance of a book-entry registration system for the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the interest rate or rates payable on the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds shall be fixed by an order of the County Executive (the authority to fix such rates being hereby expressly delegated to said County Executive) or as provided by an order of the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer acting pursuant to the County Charter, delivered prior to closing in accordance with the respective terms and conditions of the sale of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the County Executive or, if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, may authorize on behalf of the County the delivery of a Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement, or a Preliminary Private Placement Memorandum or Final Private Placement Memorandum, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds.

SECTION 9. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that, for the purpose of paying the interest and redeeming and paying the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, as they respectively mature or become subject to mandatory prepayment, the County shall include in the levy in each and every fiscal year during which any of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds are outstanding a direct ad

26

27

28

29

30

31

valorem tax upon all property assessed for tax purposes within the stormwater management district established by the County pursuant to Subtitle 2 (the "Stormwater Management District") (except as otherwise provided therein) at a rate required to produce the amount needed to pay, in addition to the other costs of stormwater management to be paid for from amounts in the Stormwater Management District Fund of the County established pursuant to Subtitle 2 (the "Stormwater Management District Fund"), for the interest on the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds payable during such fiscal year and the principal of all of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds maturing or becoming subject to mandatory prepayment in each such fiscal year; and in the event the proceeds from taxes so levied in any such fiscal year shall prove insufficient for such purposes, additional taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, shall be levied within the Stormwater Management District in succeeding fiscal years to make up such deficiency, all as authorized and provided for in Subtitle 2. The County may apply to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds any funds received by it from the State of Maryland, the United States of America, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from any other source, if such funds are granted for the purpose of assisting the County in obtaining public facilities of the class or classes of public facilities for which the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, or the respective portions of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, are authorized or may be otherwise lawfully applied to such payment; to the extent that any such funds are applied to such purposes in any fiscal year as provided herein, the taxes hereby required to be levied shall be reduced proportionately.

The full faith and credit of the County and the unlimited taxing power of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged both to the punctual payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds as and when such principal and interest respectively become due, and to the levy and collection of the taxes hereinabove prescribed as and when such taxes become necessary in order to provide sufficient funds to meet the debt service requirements of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds. The County hereby solemnly covenants with each of the registered owners of any of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds to take all action as may be appropriate from time to time during the period that any of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid to provide the funds necessary to make the principal and interest payments on the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds. The debt service requirements of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds shall have a first and prior claim on all

moneys of the Stormwater Management District Fund on a parity with the claim for moneys required for payment of debt service on all other County general obligation stormwater management bonds issued pursuant to the authority contained in Subtitle 2, whether issued prior to or after the issuance of the Series 2000 Bonds, and the other purposes for which funds in the Stormwater Management District Fund may be disbursed pursuant to Subtitle 2. The County further covenants and agrees with each of the registered owners of any of the Series 2000 Bonds to levy and collect the taxes hereinabove prescribed.

SECTION 10. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the proceeds of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds shall be provided to the Director of Finance of the County (the "Director of Finance") on the Closing Date in accordance with the Loan Agreement. A portion of the proceeds of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds shall be retained by the Director of Finance to pay, or to reimburse the County for, costs, fees and expenses incurred in the sale of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds (which funds are hereby authorized to be used for such purpose), to the extent such costs of issuance are not paid from other sources. The remaining portion of the proceeds of such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds shall be immediately deposited by the Director of Finance in trust with Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A., as escrow deposit agent (the "Escrow Deposit Agent") in a trust fund to be established in the name of the County (the "Escrow Deposit Fund") pursuant to an escrow deposit agreement to be entered into between the County and the Escrow Deposit Agent (the "Escrow Deposit Agreement"), in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and made a part hereof.

The Escrow Deposit Agent shall apply all or part of the funds deposited with it to the purchase of tax-exempt municipal securities (hereinafter "Escrow Securities"), the principal of and interest on which will be sufficient, together with any cash not so invested and without reinvestment, to pay in a timely manner the principal of the Refunded Bonds and the redemption premium, if any, and interest accrued and to accrue thereon to the applicable dates of maturity or redemption thereof. The County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer or the Director of Finance are hereby authorized to make such changes or modifications to the form of the Escrow Deposit Agreement as may be required or deemed appropriate by him or her; provided that such changes are within the scope of the transactions authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that in the event any official of the County whose signature shall appear on any Series 2000B Refunding Bonds or on other instruments or documents pertaining thereto, shall cease to be such official prior to the Closing Date or other instruments or documents, or in the event that any official shall take office subsequent to the sale of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, his or her signature shall nevertheless be valid, sufficient and binding for the purposes herein intended.

SECTION 12. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the County Executive and the Chief Administrative Officer or the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer shall be the officers of the County responsible for the issuance of any Series 2000B Refunding Bonds within the meaning of the "arbitrage regulations" (defined below).

The County Executive or, if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, and the Director of Finance shall be the officers of the County responsible for the execution and delivery (on the Closing Date) of a certificate of the County (the "Tax and Section 148 Certificate") which complies with the requirements of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Section 148"), and the applicable regulations thereunder (the "arbitrage regulations"), and such officials are hereby directed to execute a Tax and Section 148 Certificate and to deliver the same to bond counsel, as required by bond counsel, on the Closing Date.

The County shall set forth in the Tax and Section 148 Certificate its reasonable expectations as to relevant facts, estimates and circumstances relating to the use of the proceeds of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds, or of any moneys, securities or other obligations on deposit to the credit of any account of the County which may be deemed to be proceeds of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds pursuant to Section 148 or the arbitrage regulations (collectively, "Bond Proceeds"). The County covenants that the facts, estimates and circumstances set forth in the Tax and Section 148 Certificate will be based on the County's reasonable expectations on the Closing Date and will be, to the best of the certifying officials' knowledge, true and correct, as of that date. The County shall also set forth in the Tax and Section 148 Certificate any elections provided for or permitted under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that the officials executing the Tax and Section 148 Certificate deem advisable.

Because the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds are issued pursuant to this Act with the expectation that interest on such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds will be excludable from gross

income for federal income tax purposes, the County covenants with each of the registered owners of any of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds that it will not make, or (to the extent that it exercises control or direction) permit to be made, any use of the Bond Proceeds which would cause the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 and the arbitrage regulations. The County further solemnly covenants that it will comply with Section 148 and the regulations thereunder which are applicable to the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds on the Closing Date and which may subsequently lawfully be made applicable thereto as long as the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid. The County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer or the Director of Finance of the County are hereby authorized and directed to prepare or cause to be prepared and to execute, respectively, any certification, opinion or other document, including (without limitation) the Tax and Section 148 Certificate, which may be required to assure that the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds will not be deemed to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 and the regulations thereunder.

Because the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds are issued pursuant to this Act with the expectation that interest on such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the County Executive, or if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, may make such covenants or agreements in connection with the issuance of such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds as he or she shall deem advisable in order to assure the registered owners of such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds that interest thereon shall be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and such covenants or agreements shall be binding on the County so long as the observance by the County of any such covenants or agreements is necessary in connection with the maintenance of the exclusion of the interest on such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The foregoing covenants and agreements may include such covenants or agreements on behalf of the County regarding compliance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the County Executive shall deem advisable in order to assure the registered owners of such Series 2000B Refunding Bonds that the interest thereon shall be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, including (without limitation) covenants or agreements relating to the investment of Bond Proceeds, the payment of certain earnings

resulting from such investment to the United States (or certain payments in lieu thereof as provided in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), limitations on the times within which, and the purpose for which, Bond Proceeds may be expended, or the use of specified procedures for accounting for and segregating Bond Proceeds. Any covenant or agreement made by the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to this paragraph shall be set forth in or authorized by an order executed by the County Executive.

SECTION 13. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the County Executive or, if so provided by order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, is hereby authorized to select and appoint a bank or other financial institution to act as paying agent for the payment of the principal and redemption price, if any, of and interest on the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds and to act as registrar for the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds. The selection of the paying agent and bond registrar shall be accomplished in accordance with applicable provisions of law. In the event that the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds are issued in book-entry form, the County Executive, or as so provided by Order of the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer or the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, may determine that a Bond Registrar need not be designated or that the County shall act as bond registrar and paying agent.

SECTION 14. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the powers granted by this Act are additional and cumulative and the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds authorized by this Act may be issued, notwithstanding that other bond acts or laws may provide for the issuance of other bonds or the borrowing of money for the same or similar purposes on the same or other terms and conditions. This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes, namely, to authorize the borrowing of money and the incurring of indebtedness to refund and refinance the Refunded Bonds. Provisions of this Act shall be deemed met and satisfied if there is substantial compliance with such provisions. This Act is not intended to provide or imply that this Act or any prior act not containing a similar provision precludes the County from exercising any power or prerogative provided by this Act or any other law whether exercised solely pursuant to such other law or in conjunction with the powers provided by this Act.

SECTION 15. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that Section 24 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement) (the

"Refunding Act") provides that refunding bonds may be issued by the County for certain public purposes specified in the Refunding Act, including realizing savings to the County in the aggregate cost of debt service on either a direct comparison or present value basis or debt restructuring that in the aggregate effects such a savings in the cost of debt service. The County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, hereby finds and determines that the issuance of refunding bonds pursuant to the terms and requirements of this Ordinance, in order to refund all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the Refunded Bonds will effectuate and accomplish the public purpose of realizing savings to the County in the aggregate cost of debt service on either a direct comparison or a present value basis or of debt restructuring that in the aggregate effects such a reduction in the cost of debt service.

SECTION 16. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that if any one or more of the provisions of this Act, including any covenants or agreements provided herein on the part of the County to be performed, should be contrary to law, then such provision or provisions shall be null and void and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act or of the Series 2000B Refunding Bonds.

SECTION 17. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 16th day of May, 20	000.	
	COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND	
	BY:	
ATTEST:		
Joyce T. Sweeney Clerk of the Council		
	APPROVED:	
DATE:	BY:	
KEY: Underscoring indicates language added [Brackets] indicate language deleted from Asterisks *** indicate intervening exists.		

Exhibits 1 & 2 available in hard copy only