

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2014 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-25-2014

Proposed by Council Members Davis and Franklin

Introduced by Council Members Davis and Franklin

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

Date of Introduction May 6, 2014

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone No. 63

3 For the purpose of approving application to the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board for  
4 reorganization of U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone No. 63 and delegating the County’s administrative  
5 role and functions to the Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation.

6 WHEREAS, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the  
7 establishment, operation, and maintenance of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United  
8 States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19  
9 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized and  
10 empowered to grant to corporations the privilege of establishing, operating, and maintaining  
11 foreign-trade zones (“FTZ”) in or adjacent to ports of entry under the jurisdiction of the United  
12 States; and

13 WHEREAS, Section 5-802(a) of the Economic Development Article, Annotated Code of  
14 Maryland, provides for the establishment of Foreign-Trade Zones in the State of Maryland; and

15 WHEREAS, Prince George's County, Maryland made application (filed May 27, 1980) in  
16 due and proper form requesting the establishment, operation and maintenance of a foreign-trade  
17 zone in Prince George's County; and

18 WHEREAS, the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board issued Board Order No. 167, published  
19 October 29, 1980 approving said application and making Prince George’s County Grantee of  
20 U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone No. 63; and

21 WHEREAS, exports from U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones have doubled since 2009, jumping to  
22 a record \$69.9 billion in 2012; and

1           WHEREAS, over 370,000 persons are employed in Foreign Trade Zones by over 3,200  
2 participating firms in the United States; and

3           WHEREAS, Foreign-Trade Zones are thus demonstrated to be a viable tool for economic  
4 development; and

5           WHEREAS, use of the Foreign-Trade Zone within Prince George's County will likewise  
6 expand and upgrade local job opportunities, provide for the continued expansion and growth of  
7 existing local industry, increase revenues to the County, and act as a catalyst in attracting and  
8 meeting the needs of prospective new industries and firms; and

9           WHEREAS, Foreign-Trade Zone No. 63 was established with the aim to attract private  
10 investment and encourage those types of development deemed most desirable for the County to  
11 improve its economy; and

12           WHEREAS, a new administration option, the Alternative Site Framework, is now available  
13 which makes it faster and simpler to join the program; and

14           WHEREAS, availability of the Alternative Site Framework in Prince George's County will  
15 provide an attractive investment climate to the growing number of international firms planning  
16 production and distribution facilities in the United States; and

17           WHEREAS, availability of the Alternative Site Framework in Prince George's County will  
18 enhance the County's efforts to induce manufacturing and distribution companies involving  
19 international trade to locate within the County and to retain existing businesses; and

20           WHEREAS, use of the Foreign-Trade Zones program by current and prospective firms  
21 would match the economic development goals of the County Council; and

22           WHEREAS, it is appropriate to delegate the County's administrative role and functions  
23 under its Grant of Authority to the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation  
24 (EDC) for the administration of the FTZ, including authorizing the EDC to sign and submit  
25 future requests related to the zone to the FTZ Board.

26           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
27 County, Maryland that it hereby endorses and supports application for reorganization of U.S.  
28 Foreign-Trade Zone No. 63 under the Alternative Site Framework.

29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council hereby designates the Prince  
30 George's County Economic Development Corporation as the County's agent in the execution of  
31 the County's responsibilities under the County's Grant of Authority for Foreign-Trade Zone No.

1 63 and authorizes the Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation to execute  
2 documents, agreements, and applications, recover fees, and take any other action necessary to  
3 carry out the promotion and administration of U.S. Foreign-Trade Zone No. 63.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s County Economic Development  
5 Corporation shall report to the Council or County Executive, upon request, concerning the  
6 progress of the FTZ.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive or the County Executive’s  
8 designee is hereby authorized to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out  
9 the purposes of this resolution.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mel Franklin  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive