

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Bill No. CB-057-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Member Oriadha

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BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

3 For the purpose of approving the Prince George's County portion of the Maryland-National
4 Capital Park and Planning Commission budget and making appropriations and levying certain
5 taxes for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission,
6 pursuant to the provisions of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as
7 amended ("Land Use Article").

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
9 Maryland, that, in accordance with Title 18 of the Land Use Article, the annual budget
10 transmitted to the County Council by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
11 Commission on January 15, 2026, as amended on May 27, 2026, is approved insofar as it applies
12 to Prince George's County; subject, however, to the additions, deletions, increases or decreases
13 thereto which are contained in Appendix A to this Act, attached hereto and incorporated as if
14 fully stated herein; and that the revenues to be derived from the rates herein established be and
15 the same are hereby appropriated and authorized to be disbursed for the purposes specified by
16 the provisions of the Land Use Article, as amended, and for the support and maintenance of the
17 purposes as expressed in the budget.

18 SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION TAX. Pursuant to Sections 18-302 and 18-307 of the
19 Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for the Fiscal Year 2027 a tax of five and
20 sixty-six hundredths cents (\$0.0566) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed
21 valuation of real property and fourteen and fifteen and one-half hundredths cents (\$0.14155)

1 upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal property and
2 operating real property described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article for property
3 located in that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District lying within Prince
4 George's County. The proceeds of the collection of such tax shall be paid to the Maryland-
5 National Capital Park and Planning Commission and shall constitute the Administration Fund of
6 said Commission.

7 SECTION 3. ADVANCE LAND ACQUISITION FUND. Pursuant to the provisions of
8 Section 18-401(c) of the Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for the Fiscal
9 Year 2027 a tax of zero cents (\$0.00) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed
10 valuation of real property and zero cents (\$0.00) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of
11 assessed valuation of personal property and operating real property described in Section 8-109 of
12 the Tax-Property Article, assessable according to the laws of Maryland and subject to taxation in
13 Prince George's County, to be utilized for advance land acquisition in Prince George's County, in
14 accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-cited statute, as amended. The proceeds
15 from the collection of said tax shall be paid to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
16 Commission for the purpose of debt service on the principal and interest on bonds issued for the
17 Commission's land acquisition revolving fund, and any excess shall be paid into said fund.

18 SECTION 4. METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAX-MANDATORY. Pursuant to the
19 provisions of Sections 18-302 and 18-304(b) of the Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed
20 and levied for the Fiscal Year 2027 a tax of four cents (\$0.04) upon each one hundred dollars
21 (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property and ten cents (\$0.10) upon each one hundred
22 dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal property and operating real property
23 described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article subject to assessment and taxation by
24 Prince George's County which is located in that portion of the Maryland-Washington
25 Metropolitan District lying within Prince George's County. The proceeds of the collection of
26 such tax shall be paid to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and shall
27 be applied to the purposes set forth in Section 18-304(b) of the Land Use Article.

28 SECTION 5. METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAX-DISCRETIONARY. Pursuant to
29 Section 18-304(c) of the Land Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for Fiscal Year
30 2027 a tax of eleven and ninety-four hundredths cents (\$0.1194) upon each one hundred dollars
31 (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property and twenty-nine and eighty-five hundredths

1 cents (\$0.2985) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of personal
2 property and operating real property described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-Property Article
3 subject to assessment and taxation by Prince George's County which is located in that portion of
4 the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District within Prince George's County. The proceeds
5 of the collection of such tax shall be paid to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
6 Commission and shall be applied to the purposes set forth in Subtitle 3, Title 18 of the Land Use
7 Article. As such, and pursuant to Sections 18-109, 18-304(c)(2), and 18-304(d)(i)–(ii) of the
8 Land Use Article, as well as Section 10-112.32(d) of the Prince George's County Code, the
9 Council hereby states, as justification for that portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and
10 Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget exceeding the Spending Affordability
11 Commission's recommended overall spending ceiling of \$244.0 million for the Park Fund by
12 approximately \$5.5 million, such additional appropriations are the result of increases to enhance
13 park services for the benefit of the County.

14 SECTION 6. RECREATION TAX. Pursuant to Sections 18-302 and 18-306 of the Land
15 Use Article, there is hereby imposed and levied for the Fiscal Year 2027 a tax to support
16 recreational activities in the amount of seven and eighty hundredths cents (\$0.0780) upon each
17 one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of real property and nineteen and forty-nine
18 and one-half hundredths cents (\$0.19495) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed
19 valuation of personal property and operating real property described in Section 8-109 of the Tax-
20 Property Article subject to assessment and taxation by Prince George's County. The proceeds of
21 such tax shall be remitted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and
22 shall be applied to the purposes set forth in Subtitle 3, Title 18 of the Land Use Article. As such,
23 and pursuant to Sections 18-109, 18-306(b)(2), and 18-306(d) of the Land Use Article, as well as
24 Section 10-112.32(d) of the Prince George's County Code, the Council hereby states, as
25 justification for that portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
26 Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget exceeding the Spending Affordability Commission's
27 recommended overall spending ceiling of \$136.0 million for recreation projects by
28 approximately \$14.8 million, such additional appropriations are the result of increases to enhance
29 recreation services for the benefit of the County.

30 SECTION 7. The County Council of Prince George's County hereby adopts the schedules
31 "Revenues as to Source" as set forth in Appendix A to this enactment and incorporates said

1 Appendix herein by this reference.

2 SECTION 8. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (“OPEB”). The budget
3 reflects funding for the annual required contribution (“ARC”) and the pay-as-you-go amount to
4 prefund retiree medical costs.

5 SECTION 9. GRANT AND SPECIAL FUNDING. All grants and Land Reclamation
6 revenue received by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall be
7 considered as additions to, and automatic amendments of, the Commission's Operating and CIP
8 Budgets and work programs, provided that the Commission shall have advised the County
9 Council of such revenue at the time the revenue was being sought, whether by grant application
10 or by other applicable special funding application procedures. This Section does not, in any way,
11 affect the process for legislative appropriation of tax revenue to the Commission.

12 SECTION 10. PARK ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT. The Prince George's
13 County portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Fiscal Year
14 2026 Capital Budget is hereby adopted and shall consist of all previously approved park
15 acquisition and development projects (as revised) with appropriations in the budget year of the
16 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Fiscal Years 2027–2032 Capital
17 Improvement Program as such projects are included in the adopted Prince George's County
18 Fiscal Years 2027–2032 Capital Improvement Program and the new projects listed in Appendix
19 B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. As such, and pursuant to Section 18-109 of
20 the Land Use Article, as well as Section 10-112.32(d) of the Prince George’s County Code, the
21 Council hereby states, as justification for that portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and
22 Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget exceeding the Spending Affordability
23 Commission’s recommended overall spending ceiling of \$95.95 million for capital projects by
24 approximately \$14.05 million, such additional appropriations are the result of updated costs for
25 projects underway; funding approved by the Maryland General Assembly; and increases to
26 support new projects for the benefit of the County.

27 SECTION 11. GUARANTEE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON BONDS. Pursuant
28 to the provisions of Section 18-204 of the Land Use Article, the payment of the principal of and
29 interest on any and all bonds sold by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
30 Commission, the proceeds of which are to be used to finance any of the projects adopted by
31 Section 10, are hereby guaranteed by the County as provided in Land Use Article. The guarantee

1 shall be in the form described by Section 18-204 of the Land Use Article and shall be endorsed
2 on the bonds on behalf of the County by the manual or facsimile signature of the County
3 Executive. The full faith and credit of the County is hereby irrevocably pledged to the
4 fulfillment of the guarantee of the payment of interest when due and the principal on maturity
5 and taxes will be levied in accordance with Sections 18-209, 18-302, 18-304(a), 18-304(b), 18-
6 304(c), and 18-304(e) of the Land Use Article, as necessary. The County Executive and the
7 Clerk of the Council are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to adopt and record their
8 facsimile signatures and to execute all documents required for the sale of the bonds.

9 SECTION 12. PROJECT CHARGES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT. The County Council
10 of Prince George's County, in adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, has included \$4,555,000
11 million in the Park Fund, \$16,615,000 million in the Recreation Fund, and \$18,149,237 million
12 in the Administration Fund for a Project Charge program to be managed and administered by
13 Prince George's County, for a total of \$39,319,237 million. The \$39,319,237 million in funding
14 for the Project Charge program shall be made by intergovernmental transfer to the County Office
15 of Management and Budget, and shall be due on July 1, 2026, without any other further action of
16 the County needed, to include memoranda of understanding, or invoices for reimbursement. The
17 County Council will adopt a Resolution, effective from the date of its adoption, setting forth the
18 County agencies, organizations, and respective amounts to be disbursed through Project Charge
19 funding. The County shall be responsible for the evaluation of applications for third-party
20 organizations for alignment with one of the NRPA 7 dimensions of well-being, determining
21 whether an entity is eligible for funding award, and shall thereafter be responsible for
22 maintaining any Project Charge program reports in accordance with the County's Non-
23 Departmental Grants Process, and shall also provide the Commission with Project Charge
24 program reports as an accounting of the public purposes served annually, beginning on or before
25 June 30, 2027.

26 SECTION 13. NON-DEPARTMENTAL – TAX SUPPORTED FUNDING. The
27 Commission is hereby authorized to distribute non-departmental compensation funding to the
28 applicable departments and divisions in accordance with ratified collective bargaining
29 agreements and which does not exceed the amount proposed in the FY 2027 budget.

30 SECTION 14. SEVERABILITY. If the application of this Act or any section, subsection,
31 sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, as it applies in any circumstances, case, or instance

1 to any person, firm, or corporation is, for any reason, found or held to be invalid or
2 unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then such section, subsection, sentence,
3 clause, phrase, or portion and application thereof to such circumstances, case or instance as to
4 any person, firm or corporation, shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent act,
5 finding, or holding, and such act, finding or holding shall not affect the validity and application
6 of the remaining portions thereof or the particular portion as it affects other persons, firms, or
7 corporations.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Adopted this 27th day of May 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

Note: See Appendices A & B