

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2017 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-6-2017  
 Chapter No. 10  
 Proposed and Presented by Council Member Franklin  
 Introduced by Council Member Franklin  
 Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Introduction March 21, 2017

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Electronic Public Notice

3 For the purpose of improving access to public information by requiring all public bodies to  
 4 provide electronic notice of public meetings on a central website.

5 BY adding:

6 **SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.**

7 Section 2-509,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2015 Edition; 2016 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
 11 Maryland, that Section 2-509 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby  
 12 added:

13 **SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.**

14 **DIVISION 43. PUBLIC NOTICE.**

15 **Sec. 2-509. Electronic public notice required.**

16 (a) Definitions. In this Section, the following terms have the following meanings:

17 (1) **Public body** has the meaning set forth in Section 3-101, General Provisions Article,  
 18 Annotated Code of Maryland.

19 (2) **Meet or Meeting** has the meaning set forth in Section 3-101, General Provisions  
 20 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

21 (b) Every public body authorized by the Charter or the Code, at the time of giving reasonable

1 notice of a meeting required by Title 3 of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of  
2 Maryland (hereinafter "Open Meetings Act"), shall also provide such public notice electronically  
3 to a central website designated by the Director of Information Technology.

4 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED the Director of Information Technology shall  
5 ensure that the website designated in accordance with this Act, in the best judgement of the  
6 Director of Information Technology and with the concurrence of the Clerk of the County  
7 Council, is conveniently accessible to the public in a user-friendly format and adequately  
8 provides the public notice information reported by the public body. The Director of Information  
9 Technology, with the concurrence of the Clerk of the County Council, shall determine the format  
10 and manner of reporting information by public bodies in a manner consistent with this Act. This  
11 Act places the responsibility on all public bodies established by Charter or Code to submit the  
12 requisite public meeting notice information to the Office of Information Technology.

13 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on October 1,  
14 2017.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Derrick Leon Davis  
Chairman

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.