

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2024 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-084-2024

Proposed by The Chair (by request - Planning Board)

Introduced by Council Members Harrison, Hawkins and Oriadha

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

Date of Introduction September 17, 2024

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George's Department of Parks and Recreation

3 Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines

4 For the purpose of For the purpose of adopting updated Parks and Recreation Facilities  
 5 Guidelines. The document sets forth common elements and minimum quality standards that will  
 6 provide consistency for public and private recreation amenities and facilities to be built in Prince  
 7 George's County, whether by government or by the development community. The proposed  
 8 Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines include Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning  
 9 Commission standards, sport-specific standards, and national standards.

10 WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines is a supportive tool for the  
 11 development community and provides common elements and minimum quality standards for  
 12 public and private park and recreation facilities, whether constructed by government or by the  
 13 development community; and

14 WHEREAS, the existing Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines, which were last  
 15 approved and became effective on July 1, 1983, require modernization to reflect current  
 16 standards, best practices, and emerging needs; and

17 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation has  
 18 developed proposed Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines to provide comprehensive and  
 19 contemporary design guidance for common park and trail features, restrooms, furniture, and  
 20 other construction elements; and

21 WHEREAS, the proposed Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines are intended to be  
 22 updated regularly, ensuring that the design standards remain relevant and effective in meeting the

1 needs of the community; and

2 WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 24-4507(b)(2) of the Prince George's County  
3 Code, Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines must be approved by resolution of the County  
4 Council;

5 WHEREAS, on July 18, 2024, the Prince George's County Planning Board reviewed the  
6 proposed Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines and approved transmittal to County  
7 Council; and

8 WHEREAS, the County Council finds that adoption and approval of the proposed Parks  
9 and Recreation Facilities Guidelines will facilitate the development and enhancement of parks  
10 and recreational facilities throughout Prince George's County, ensuring that such facilities meet  
11 modern standards and effectively serve the community's needs.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
13 County, Maryland, that:

- 14 1. The Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines, as presented  
15 and reviewed, are hereby adopted and approved and supersede the July 1, 1983 version.
- 16 2. The Parks and Recreation Facilities Guidelines shall be implemented in accordance  
17 with the provisions set forth therein and shall be regularly updated to reflect evolving  
18 design standards and community needs.
- 19 3. The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Planning Department are hereby  
20 authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to implement the updated Parks and  
21 Recreation Facilities Guidelines in the planning, design, and development of parks and  
22 recreational facilities throughout the County.

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its  
25 adoption.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jolene Ivey  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council