

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-027-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Olson, Blegay, Dernoga,
Adams-Stafford and Adams

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 21, 2026

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Fine Dining Incentive Act of 2026

3 For the purpose of establishing a Prince George’s County Fine Dining Incentive Program to
4 attract more fine dining restaurants to locate and expand in Prince George’s County; reserving a
5 certain percentage of annual awards from the Prince George’s County Economic Development
6 Incentive Fund for the Prince George’s County Fine Dining Incentive Program; providing for the
7 administration and regulation of the Prince George’s County Fine Dining Incentive Program;
8 providing for the abrogation of the program; and generally relating to the Prince George’s
9 County Fine Dining Incentive Program.

10 BY adding:

11 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

12 Section 10-366,

13 The Prince George's County Code

14 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
16 Maryland, that Section 10-366 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
17 added:

18 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

19 **DIVISION 38. FINE DINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

20 **Sec. 10-366. Prince George’s County Fine Dining Incentive Program.**

1 (a) Definitions. In this Division, the following words shall have the following meanings:

2 (1) **Executive chef** means the high-level manager and highest-ranking culinary position
3 with chief responsibility for all kitchen operations, food production personnel, and culinary
4 functions at a fine dining restaurant. The executive chef is wholly or partially responsible for
5 menu planning, recipe development, kitchen staff management, and maintenance of culinary
6 safety and quality standards at a fine dining restaurant.

7 (2) **Fine Dining Restaurant** means a sit-down restaurant offering a premium experience
8 characterized by exceptional cuisine, high-quality ingredients, and superior service. A fine dining
9 restaurant must also serve its customers with non-disposable dinnerware and employ an
10 executive chef.

11 (3) **Sit-down restaurant** means a restaurant, as defined pursuant to Part 27-2 of Subtitle
12 27 of the County Code, whose principal method of operation consists of sit-down table service
13 provided by dedicated waitstaff for on-site food and beverage consumption. Restaurants whose
14 principal method of operation is counter service, quick service, or carryout food and beverage
15 service for offsite consumption, or that provide drive-through service, are not sit-down
16 restaurants under this Subsection.

17 (b) Prince George's County Fine Dining Incentive Program. At least 10% of the annual funds
18 authorized for the Economic Development Incentive Fund shall be awarded to operators of fine
19 dining restaurants seeking to locate or expand in Prince George's County, provided that at least
20 70% of such funds be awarded annually to attract fine dining restaurants to locate or expand in
21 the area of Prince George's County between the border with the District of Columbia and the I-
22 495 Capital Beltway.

23 (c) Administration. The Prince George's County Fine Dining Incentive Program shall be
24 administered in accordance with the process for administering Economic Development Incentive
25 Fund awards.

26 (d) Additional funding. Additional funds may be allocated to the Economic Development
27 Incentive Fund for the designated purpose of being awarded in accordance with the Prince
28 George's County Fine Dining Incentive Program.

29 (e) Regulations authorized.

30 The County Executive may promulgate regulations to administer the Prince George's
31 County Fine Dining Incentive Program in accordance with this Division, subject to approval by

1 County Council resolution.

2 (f) Reporting. By August 31 of each year, the County Executive or their designee shall
3 provide an annual written report to the County Council on the progress of the Prince George's
4 County Fine Dining Incentive Program during the previous fiscal year.

5 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act shall be
6 abrogated and of no further force and effect on January 1, 2030, unless extended by the County
7 Council prior to that date.

8 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
9 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
10 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
11 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
12 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
13 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
14 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
15 or section.

16 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
17 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 12th 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

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Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
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