COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-082-2026
Chapter No.
Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha
Introduced by Council Members Oriadha and Blegay
Co-Sponsors
Date of Introduction September 22, 2026

ZONING BILL

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Cannabis Dispensaries – Use Regulations

For the purpose of making the use regulations for Cannabis dispensaries and Cannabis micro-dispensaries consistent with provisions of State law; and generally regarding Cannabis uses in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

Section 27-5102,
The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland,
being also
SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.
The Prince George's County Code
(2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 27-5102 of the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code, be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.

PART 27-5. USE REGULATIONS.

SECTION 27-5100. PRINCIPAL USES.

Sec. 27-5102. Requirements for Permitted Principal Uses.

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(e) Commercial Uses

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(9) Retail Sales and Service Uses

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(C) Cannabis Dispensary

(i) The boundaries of property used as a Cannabis Dispensary shall be:

(aa) At least one hundred (100) feet from any property in a Residential Base or Planned Development Zone, including a Residential Comprehensive Design Zone under the prior Ordinance;

(bb) At least five hundred (500) feet from any:

(I) Pre-existing primary or secondary school in the State; a pre-existing licensed childcare center, or registered pre-existing family childcare home under the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; or

(II) Pre-existing Playground, recreation center, library, [or] public park, or place of worship; and

(cc) At least one thousand (1,000) feet from another Cannabis dispensary or Cannabis micro-dispensary use.

(ii) Minimum parking requirements set forth in Section 27-6305 of this Subtitle are required.

(iii) Cannabis dispensary is not permitted as an accessory use.

(iv) Outdoor signage may include one (1) freestanding or pylon sign in addition to building-mounted signs, subject to the same height, size, illumination, and placement restrictions applicable to other retail commercial establishments in the same zone.

(v) There shall be no on-site consumption of Cannabis or Cannabis products.

(vi) The use shall be limited to 12 business hours per day, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. All sales must be made and recorded during the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

(vii) The holder of a Special Exception for a Medical cannabis dispensary may operate as a Cannabis dispensary pursuant to that approved Special Exception and need not seek a new Special Exception approval for the Cannabis dispensary use, provided that the operator has converted the applicable State license to allow for the sale of both medical and adult use cannabis pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(D) Cannabis micro-dispensary

(i) The boundaries of property used as a Cannabis micro-dispensary shall be:

(aa) At least one hundred (100) feet from any property in a Residential Base or Planned Development Zone, including a Residential Comprehensive Design Zone under the prior Ordinance;

(bb) At least five hundred (500) feet from any:

(I) Pre-existing primary or secondary school in the State, a pre-existing licensed childcare center, or registered pre-existing family childcare home under the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; or

(II) Pre-existing Playground, recreation center, library, [or] public park, or place of worship; and

(cc) At least one thousand (1,000) feet from another Cannabis micro-dispensary or a Cannabis dispensary use.

(ii) Cannabis micro-dispensary is not permitted as an accessory use. However, it may co-locate with a Cannabis Micro-processor and/or Cannabis micro-grower use.

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted without the

incorporation in this Ordinance of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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