

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2020 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-44-2020

Chapter No. 35

Proposed and Presented by The Council Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Streeter, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Hawkins,
Ivey, Dernoga, Harrison, Taveras, Glaros and Franklin

Date of Introduction June 23, 2020

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1 AN ACT concerning

2 Borrowing to Finance Capital Projects for

3 Library Facilities

4 For the purpose of authorizing Prince George's County, Maryland, to borrow money upon its full
5 faith and credit at any time and from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount not
6 exceeding \$28,829,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,
7 improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of Library
8 Facilities including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and
9 engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed
10 permanent equipment therefor; prescribing terms and conditions upon which bonds issued
11 pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold and other incidental details with respect thereto;
12 providing generally for the issuance of such bonds and providing for such borrowing to be
13 submitted to a referendum of the legal voters of the County.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
15 Maryland, that Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County"), is hereby authorized, pursuant
16 to Section 323 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Charter"), to borrow
17 money and incur indebtedness upon its full faith and credit, at any time and from time to time, in
18 an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$28,829,000 to finance the design, construction,
19 reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
20 relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of, Library Facilities, including the acquisition and
21 development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the

1 acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, all such capital
2 projects hereby being found to be (and also being in fact) of the same generic class and being
3 described in the capital program of the County for the fiscal years 2021-2026, under the
4 following headings, which descriptions are incorporated by reference as if set forth herein:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
4.71.0007	BADEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
4.71.0006	BLADENSBURG LIBRARY REPLACEMENT
3.71.0005	BRANDYWINE LIBRARY
3.71.0001	HILLCREST HEIGHTS BRANCH
	REPLACEMENT
4.71.0001	HYATTSVILLE BRANCH RENOVATIONS
3.71.0003	LANGLEY PARK BRANCH
4.71.0002	LIBRARY BRANCH RENOVATION 2
4.71.0005	SURREATTS-CLINTON BRANCH LIBRARY

15 Reference to the County's capital program for the fiscal years 2021-2026 is made for
16 purposes of description only and such reference shall include the same capital projects in any
17 amended or subsequent capital program.

18 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that any general obligation bonds to be issued
19 pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold pursuant to Bond Issue Authorization Ordinances
20 adopted in accordance with Sections 323 and 823 of the Charter and other applicable provisions
21 of MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205 to 19-206, as amended, replaced, or re-
22 codified from time to time, but the County shall sell such bonds only by solicitation of
23 competitive bids therefor at public sale in such manner and after giving such public notice as the
24 County Council may by ordinance determine. Such bonds may be sold for such price or prices
25 as may be determined to be for the best interest of the County, either at, above or below the par
26 value of any such bonds, and such bonds may be sold in conjunction with other series of bonds
27 issued by the County in which event the notice of sale soliciting bids for the purchase of such
28 bonds may require that the acceptance of any bid for any series of bonds be made contingent
29 upon the acceptance of the bid or bids on all or any of the series being offered by the County for
30 sale at the same time. When such bonds are sold in conjunction with other series of bonds, the
31 said notice of sale may also require that consolidated bids shall be submitted on any two or more

1 of such series of bonds.

2 Nothing in this Act shall in any way limit the authority provided for the refunding of
3 County indebtedness by MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205 to 19-206, as amended
4 or supplemented from time to time or by any other applicable law, and all such authority is
5 intended to be available to the County to refund any indebtedness incurred pursuant to this Act to
6 the maximum extent provided by such authority.

7 Such bonds may be issued in an amount sufficient to finance the costs of the Library
8 Facilities and the cost of issuance of the bonds. Prior to the application of the proceeds of such
9 bonds to finance the costs of the Library Facilities, the cost of issuance of such bonds for such
10 Library Facilities may be deducted from such proceeds.

11 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall be submitted to the legal
12 voters of the County, for their approval or disapproval, at the general election to be held in the
13 County on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The question to be certified to the Board of Supervisors
14 of Elections of the County for inclusion on the ballot for said general election shall be in
15 substantially the following form:

16 LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS

17 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not
18 exceeding \$28,829,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,
19 improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Library
20 Facilities, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and
21 engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed
22 permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

23 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the powers granted by this Act are
24 additional and cumulative and the bonds to be issued pursuant to this Act may be issued,
25 notwithstanding that other bond acts or laws may provide for the issuance of other bonds or the
26 borrowing of money for the same or similar purposes on the same or other terms and conditions.
27 This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes, namely, to authorize the
28 borrowing of money and the incurring of indebtedness to finance the described capital projects of
29 the same generic class set forth in this Act. Provisions of this Act shall be deemed met and
30 satisfied if there is substantial compliance with such provisions, including (without limitation)
31 provisions relating to the submission of any question to the legal voters of the County which are

1 intended only to provide fair and adequate notice to such voters and not to prescribe provisions
2 which must be literally satisfied. This Act is not intended to provide or imply that this act or any
3 prior act not containing a similar provision precludes the County from exercising any power or
4 prerogative provided by this Act or any other law whether exercised solely pursuant to such
5 other law or in conjunction with the powers provided by this Act so that, without limiting the
6 generality of this section, the County may exercise the power to issue (i) bond anticipation notes
7 (in anticipation of the issuance of bonds pursuant to this Act or otherwise) and grant anticipation
8 notes pursuant to MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205 to 19-206, as amended,
9 replaced, or re-codified from time to time, and (ii) bonds (or any related bond anticipation or
10 other notes) authorized by MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205 to 19-206, as
11 amended, replaced, or re-codified from time to time, and in exercising such powers, the County
12 may sell such notes or bonds at private (negotiated) sale as authorized by these or any other
13 applicable laws.

14 SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
15 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
16 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
17 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
18 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
19 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
20 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
21 or section.

22 SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall become effective
23 immediately upon the date of the official certification of its approval by the voters at said general
24 election.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Council Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AT THE REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, AS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 1, 2020