

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2020 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-92-2020
Proposed by The Council Chair (by request – County Executive)
Introduced by Council Members Turner, Taveras, Streeter, Davis, Harrison, Glaros
and Franklin
Date of Introduction September 22, 2020

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Housing and Community Development

3 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

4 For the purpose of approving and adopting the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
5 for Prince George's County.

6 WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) states that it is the
7 policy of the United States to provide fair housing throughout the country. Specifically, Section
8 808(e)(5) of the Act requires the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and
9 Urban Development (HUD) to administer the Department's housing and urban development
10 programs in a manner to "affirmatively further fair housing;" and

11 WHEREAS, Sections 104(b)(2) and 106(d)(5) of the Housing and Community
12 Development Act of 1974, as amended, specifically require Community Development Block
13 Grant (CDBG) Program grantees to certify to "affirmatively further fair housing choice."
14 Furthermore, Congress reiterated this obligation in Section 105(b)(13) of the National Affordable
15 Housing Act of 1990; and

16 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the County to update and submit the Analysis of
17 Impediments to Fair Housing Choice at least once every three (3) to five (5) years, consistent
18 with its Consolidated Plan cycle; and

19 WHEREAS, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is a review of a
20 jurisdiction's laws, regulations, and administrative policies, procedures, and practices affecting
21 the location, availability, and accessibility of housing, as well as an assessment of conditions,
22 both public and private, affecting fair housing choice; and

1 WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines an
2 impediment to fair housing choice as any actions, omissions, or decisions that restrict, or have
3 the effect of restricting, the availability of housing choices, based on race, color, religion, sex,
4 disability, familial status, or national origin; and

5 WHEREAS, persons residing in Maryland have greater protection under the Maryland
6 Human Relations Act than under the Federal Fair Housing Act, which incorporates marital status
7 and sexual orientation as part of housing discrimination; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 2-185 of the Prince George's County Code establishes the Human
9 Relation Commission; more importantly, Section 2-185 extends protection from discrimination
10 to include age, occupation, political opinion, and personal appearance; and

11 WHEREAS, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for Prince George's
12 County evaluated population, household, income and housing characteristics by protected
13 classes; evaluated public and private sector policies that impact fair housing choice; identified
14 blatant or de facto impediments to the fair housing choice, where any may have existed; and
15 recommended specific strategies to overcome the effects of any identified impediments; and

16 WHEREAS, in order to continue to alleviate and eliminate the identified impediments
17 within Prince George's County, a Fair Housing Action Plan was developed and will be reported
18 in the County's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) each
19 program year.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
21 County, Maryland, that the "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice," a copy of which
22 shall be marked for identification by the Clerk of the County Council and maintained as a
23 permanent record, is hereby approved, in accordance with the draft Analysis of Impediments to
24 Fair Housing Choice, Attachment "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this Resolution, it shall be
26 transmitted to the County Executive by the Clerk of the Council, and that the County Executive
27 or her designee is hereby authorized and empowered as the official representative of Prince
28 George's County to submit the approved "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for
29 Prince George's County" to HUD, along with all assurances contained therein, to act as
30 necessary in connection with the submission, and to provide such additional information to HUD
31 as may be required.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective as of the date of
2 its adoption.

Adopted this 10th day of November, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Council Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council