

## NOTICE OF A RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

**THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY COUNCIL, SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL, AND  
THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PLANNING BOARD OF  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
WILL HOLD A  
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE COUNTYWIDE SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT (CMA) FOR PRINCE GEORGE’S  
COUNTY**

On March 17, 2020, the Prince George’s County Council adopted CR-10-2020, an Emergency Resolution that stayed all public meetings, sessions, and hearings of the District Council for a period of at least sixty (60) days. As a result, the previously scheduled March 23, 2020 Joint Public Hearing on the Countywide Sectional Map Amendment (referred to as the “CMA” in the rest of this notice) was postponed. On July 21, 2020 the County Council enacted CB-33 2020 and adopted CR-57-2020 amending the Zoning Ordinance and District Council Rules to conduct hearings virtually or remotely.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George’s County, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince George’s County Code, the Prince George’s County Council, sitting as the District Council, and the Prince George’s County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, hereby give notice of a virtual Joint Public Hearing in order to receive public testimony concerning the CMA.

The CMA consists of all properties within the County except for properties located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Laurel. This part of the County, which is most of the County’s land area, is also referred to for legal purposes as that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District located within Prince George’s County.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME:** Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting  
View using the link provided at <https://pgccouncil.us/LIVE>

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** To provide all interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the CMA.

Members of the public can participate in the following ways:

- 1. If you wish to speak at the hearing:** you must first preregister before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. You may sign-up to speak at: <https://pgccouncil.us/Speak>. Testimony and comments will not be accepted via social media or by telephone/voice mail message. Testimony from individual speakers and representatives from a group or groups will be limited up to three minutes.
- 2. All other interested parties may view the meeting via live stream at the link provided at:** <https://pgccouncil.us/LIVE>.
- 3. Written testimony:** please be advised that written testimony and/or exhibits will also be accepted in lieu of, or in addition to, oral testimony. Written testimony, comments and affidavits will be accepted in electronic format via the Council’s eComment portal, rather than by U.S. mail. For

those unable to use the portal <https://pgccouncil.us/Speak>, comments/written correspondence and affidavits may be emailed to: [clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us](mailto:clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us) or faxed to (301) 952-5178.

Written comments may be submitted through the close of business on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, when the record of public hearing testimony will close. Testimony and comments will not be accepted via social media or by telephone/voice mail message.

If you intend to provide testimony at the Joint Public Hearing and/or file a statement in the official record, and your intent is to request or support intensifying the zone classification of your property, **please read carefully the affidavit requirements explained in this notice.**

The public hearing is part of a process leading to the approval of a new zoning map, thereby implementing the zones contained in the new Zoning Ordinance for Prince George’s County adopted by the Council through Council Bill CB-13-2018 on October 23, 2018.

If your property is located within that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District within Prince George’s County (all properties in the County except those located within the City of Laurel), approval of the Countywide Sectional Map Amendment will may result in the rezoning of your property, which could then affect your property values and your tax liability.

The CMA is not intended to be a venue for rezoning property except to the extent necessary to implement the new Zoning Ordinance. Nonetheless, if you intend to provide in-person testimony at the Joint Public Hearing on the CMA and/or file a statement in the official record, and your intent is to request or support intensifying the zone classification of your property, you must complete and return an affidavit in accordance with the State Public Ethics Law, §§5-833 through 5-839, General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. **As required by law, the completed affidavit must be received by the Clerk of the Council prior to the close of business on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 in electronic format, rather than by U.S. mail.** Kindly submit completed affidavits to Clerk of the County Council via the eComment portal: <https://pgccouncil.us/Speak>, via email to [clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us](mailto:clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us) or by fax to (301) 952-5178.

In accordance with the provisions of the State Public Ethics Law, above, failure to file an affidavit before the close of business on October 20, 2020, may delay or prohibit consideration of your testimony by the District Council. Affidavit forms for Prince George’s County are available for download on the Maryland State Ethics Commission website at:

For individuals: <http://ethics.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/filebase/local-gov/local-gov-forms/PGNO1.pdf>

For entities: <http://ethics.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/filebase/local-gov/local-gov-forms/PGNO2.pdf>

For agents: <http://ethics.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/filebase/local-gov/local-gov-forms/PGNO3.pdf>

Communication concerning a pending zoning request between a property owner or agent and a member of the County Council or County Executive outside of the public hearing process is prohibited by law and must be disclosed (§5-836, General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland). An Ex Parte form must be filed by all parties regarding any such communication within five (5) days after the communication was made or received. Ex Parte forms are also available for download on the Maryland State Ethics Commission website at:

<https://ethics.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/filebase/local-gov/local-gov-forms/PGNO4.pdf>

**Direct all questions concerning State Public Ethics affidavits or Ex Parte disclosure requirements to the Clerk of the Council at 301-952-3600.**

To view the preliminary zoning map, please visit the Zoning Rewrite website at <http://zoningPGC.pgplanning.com>. Currently, all Prince George’s County buildings including libraries and community centers are closed to the public. Copies of the preliminary zoning map will be available for pick up by **Monday, October 20, 2020** from the Prince George’s County Planning Department’s green distribution boxes (see image below) stationed outside the locations listed below. Please note, that due to the high volume and demand, limited copies of the preliminary zoning map will be available. Locations where copies are exhausted will be replenished periodically:

County Administration Building 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Hillcrest Heights Community Center 2300 Oxon Run Drive, Oxon Hill, MD 20745
Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707
Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex 7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744
Wayne K. Curry Sports & Learning Center 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785

To stay up to date on the Joint Public Hearing please visit the County Council’s portal website at <https://pgccouncil.us/ZOR>. For further information, please contact Planning Department staff by telephone: 301-952-4944; by e-mail: [Zoningpgc@ppd.mncppc.org](mailto:Zoningpgc@ppd.mncppc.org); or visit the Zoning Rewrite website: <http://zoningPGC.pgplanning.com>.

These policies are in effect until further notice. Any future changes to them will be communicated on the County Council website, County Council social media channels, via Alert Prince George’s, and will be shared with the press via a press release.

**BY ORDER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL,  
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
Todd M. Turner, Council Chair

**ATTEST:**  
Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK  
AND PLANNING COMMISSION**  
By: Asuntha Chiang-Smith  
Executive Director

**ATTEST:**  
Joseph Zimmerman  
Secretary-Treasurer