

## **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  
VIRTUAL JOINT PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE COUNTYWIDE SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT (CMA) FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S  
COUNTY**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and certain legal requirements, the Prince George's County Council made the decision to postpone the previously scheduled November 20, 2020 Joint Public Hearing on the CMA. On April 9, 2021, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 980 amending certain legal requirements of State law, which now allows the County Council to convene with the Planning Board to consider the proposed CMA.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the County Council also enacted CB-33-2020, and adopted CR-57-2020, to amend the Zoning Ordinance and District Council Rules to allow for public hearings to be conducted 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 Joint Virtual 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. The CMA, 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:** **Monday, September 13, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting/Remote Participation

Out of concern for the health and safety of the public and County employees, in accordance with provisions of the County Code, the joint public hearing will be conducted virtually with remote participation. Please see detailed information below on how to register, participate, and/or view the Joint Public Hearing.\*\*

The public may view the Joint Virtual Public Hearing via live stream at the link provided at: <https://pgccouncil.us/LIVE>.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, County buildings are currently closed or not open to the public. If County operations change and County buildings are open to the public, accommodations may be provided for registered participants to access the virtual hearing and participate from a designated County building, subject to building capacity restrictions and/or

safety protocols. If a County building is designated to facilitate in-person access and participation of the virtual public hearing, the location will be as follows:

**County Administration Building  
Council Hearing Room – First Floor  
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772**

**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 **Thursday**, September 9, 2021. 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 at <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, September 29, 2021, 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 Virtual 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 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. Your affidavit should be submitted to the Clerk of the Council at least 30 days prior to the Joint Public Hearing on the CMA. Required affidavits should be submitted to the Clerk of the County Council in electronic format only via the Council's eComment portal, rather than by U.S. mail.

If you previously submitted an affidavit in this CMA process, your affidavit is still valid and does not need to be resubmitted. However, the State Public Ethics Law requires you to file a supplemental affidavit if you made a contribution to a Council Member since the submittal of your first affidavit(s).

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 **Friday, July 30, 2021** 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:

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

Distribution Box

To stay up to date on the Virtual Joint Public Hearing or to find additional information on the Zoning Rewrite and the CMA, please visit the County Council’s project 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**  
Calvin S. Hawkins II, 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