



January 21, 2025

POSITION STATEMENT

**PG/MC 106-25- PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
– BOARD OF APPEALS-MEMBERSHIP**

PG/MC 106-25
Prince George's County Delegation

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The purpose of this legislation is to alter the membership of the Board of Appeals in Prince George's County*. Current law is for there to be three members on the board. The bill amends current law by requiring **AT LEAST THREE** members to the board. The bill is an attempt to address the issue of board efficacy and efficiency by reducing cancellations of board meetings due to a lack of a quorum, transition to other position or roles, and unexpected absences. By expanding the membership to more than three, to ay 5 (similar to the Montgomery County Board of Appeals), you would only need three members present to constitute a quorum.

In addition, the bill requires only **A SIMPLE MAJORITY** (only need to consider the voting members present) of the board to concur in any resolution.

For these reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS** PG/MC 106-25- Prince George's County – Board of Appeals-Membership and respectfully request the Committee's favorable consideration of its position.

**Board of Appeals for Prince George's County is appointed by the County Council under the authority of Article 25A and Article 66D of the Annotated Code of Maryland to hear zoning appeals and general administrative appeals. All appeals relating to the respective jurisdictions of the Board of Administrative Appeals and the Board of Zoning Appeals are filed and heard separately.*

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