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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Metropolitan District - Prince George's County - Boundaries**

3 **PG/MC 22-96**

4 FOR the purpose of modifying the boundaries of the Maryland-Washington
5 Metropolitan District as it relates to Prince George's County; providing for the
6 construction of this Act; prohibiting Prince George's County from collecting certain
7 taxes that are due under certain circumstances; providing for the termination of
8 certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the composition of the
9 Metropolitan District.

10 BY repealing

11 Article 28 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
12 Section 3-102(b) through (h)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

16 Article 28 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
17 Section 3-101
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

20 BY adding to

21 Article 28 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
22 Section 3-102(b) and (c)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland

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1 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
3 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 3-102(b) through (h), inclusive, of Article 28 -
4 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission of the AnnotatedCode of
5 Maryland be repealed.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
7 read as follows:

8 **Article 28 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission**

9 3-101.

10 The area in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland, within the
11 boundaries specified [hereinbelow] in this title, is continued under a corporate agency
12 for the purposes set forth in this [title and elsewhere in this] article. [It is the same
13 district and corporate agency as was created by Chapter 448 of the Actsof the General
14 Assembly of Maryland of 1927 and continued by Chapter 1008 of the Acts of the General
15 Assembly of Maryland of 1943, and Chapter 780 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
16 Maryland of 1959.] It shall be known as the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District
17 and hereinafter in this [title] ARTICLE may be referred to as the "metropolitan district"
18 or as THE "district".

19 3-102.

20 (B) (1) THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF PRINCE
21 GEORGE'S COUNTY EXCEPT FOR THOSE AREAS EXCLUDED UNDER THIS
22 SUBSECTION.

23 (2) THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
24 FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, AS THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS'
25 BOUNDARIES WERE DEFINED AS OF JULY 1, 1995:

26 (I) DISTRICT HEIGHTS; AND

27 (II) GREENBELT; ~~AND~~

28 ~~(III) LAUREL.~~

29 ~~(3) THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE~~
30 ~~FOLLOWING AREAS:~~

31 ~~(i) AREA 1: BEGINNING AT THE CONFLUENCE OF WALKER'S~~
32 ~~BRANCH AND THE PATUXENT RIVER, THEN WEST, NORTHWEST ALONG THE~~
33 ~~PATUXENT RIVER (WHICH DEFINES THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN PRINCE GEORGE'S~~
34 ~~COUNTY AND HOWARD COUNTY) TO THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE 95 AND~~
35 ~~THE PATUXENT RIVER, THEN SOUTH ALONG INTERSTATE 95 TO ITS INTERSECTION~~
36 ~~WITH THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTHEAST ALONG~~
37 ~~THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH~~
38 ~~BROOKLYN BRIDGE ROAD, THEN EAST ALONG BROOKLYN BRIDGE ROAD (WHICH~~
39 ~~DEFINES THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF LAUREL) TO THE EXACT POINT WHERE~~
40 ~~BROOKLYN BRIDGE ROAD NO LONGER DEFINES THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF~~

1 LAUREL, THEN SOUTH ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY TO
2 ITS INTERSECTION WITH OLD SANDY SPRING ROAD, THEN EAST ALONG THE CITY OF
3 LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTHWEST ALONG THE CITY OF
4 LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTH ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S
5 CORPORATE BOUNDARY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE PATUXENT RIVER;

6 (II) AREA 2: ALL AREAS NOT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF
7 LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARIES WHICH LOCATIONS BEGIN APPROXIMATELY
8 400 FEET WEST OF THE MARYLAND ROUTE 198 (SANDY SPRING ROAD) AND VAN
9 DUSEN ROAD'S INTERSECTION AND END APPROXIMATELY 80 FEET SOUTHEAST OF
10 THE MARYLAND ROUTE 198 AND TENTH STREET'S INTERSECTION; MOST OF THIS
11 AREA IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS GORMAN MANOR APARTMENTS. THESE AREAS ARE
12 ENCLAVES WITHIN THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY;

13 (III) AREA 3: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CITY OF
14 LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY AND THE MEDIAN OF INTERSTATE 95
15 APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE 95 AND
16 MARYLAND ROUTE 198, THEN SOUTH ALONG INTERSTATE 95 TO ITS INTERSECTION
17 WITH MARYLAND ROUTE 198, THEN DIRECTLY SOUTHEAST FROM THE MIDDLE OF
18 THIS INTERSECTION WHICH THEN COINCIDES WITH CONTEE ROAD TO THE
19 INTERSECTION OF CONTEE ROAD AND CHERRY LANE, THEN SOUTH, SOUTH
20 SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST ALONG CONTEE ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH
21 THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTH NORTHEAST ALONG
22 THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN SOUTHEAST ALONG THE
23 CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTHEAST ALONG THE CITY OF
24 LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTHWEST ALONG THE CITY OF
25 LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTH NORTHEAST ALONG THE CITY OF
26 LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CHERRY LANE,
27 THEN WEST ALONG CHERRY LANE (WHICH DEFINES THE CITY OF LAUREL'S
28 CORPORATE BOUNDARY) TO THE EXACT POINT WHERE CHERRY LANE NO LONGER
29 DEFINES THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTH ALONG THE
30 CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH OLD SANDY
31 SPRING ROAD, THEN WEST ALONG OLD SANDY SPRING ROAD (WHICH DEFINES THE
32 CORPORATE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF LAUREL) TO THE EXACT POINT WHERE IT
33 NO LONGER DEFINES THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTH
34 ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTHWEST ALONG
35 THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN SOUTH ALONG THE CITY OF
36 LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH OLD SANDY SPRING
37 ROAD, THEN WEST ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN
38 SOUTHWEST ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN
39 SOUTHEAST ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN SOUTH
40 ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH
41 CONTEE ROAD, THEN WEST ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY
42 TO THE INTERSECTION OF OLD SANDY SPRING ROAD, THEN SOUTHWEST ALONG
43 THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTHWEST ALONG THE
44 CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE
45 MEDIAN OF INTERSTATE 95;

1 ~~(IV) AREA 4: BEGINNING IN THE VICINITY OF THE CONFLUENCE OF~~
2 ~~CROW BRANCH AND THE PATUXENT RIVER WHERE THE PATUXENT RIVER MEETS~~
3 ~~WITH THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY (NAMELY AT THE EASTERN~~
4 ~~POINT OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMONLY KNOWN AS PATUXENT GREENS), THEN~~
5 ~~NORTHEAST, NORTH AND WEST ALONG THE PATUXENT RIVER TO ITS~~
6 ~~INTERSECTION WITH THE CITY OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY (NAMELY AT~~
7 ~~THE NORTHEASTERN POINT OF THE AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE PATUXENT~~
8 ~~RIVER RECREATION COMPLEX), THEN SOUTH ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S~~
9 ~~CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN NORTHWEST ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S~~
10 ~~CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN SOUTHWEST ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S~~
11 ~~CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN SOUTHEAST ALONG THE CITY OF LAUREL'S~~
12 ~~CORPORATE BOUNDARY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE PATUXENT RIVER; AND~~

13 ~~(V) AREA 5: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF MARYLAND~~
14 ~~ROUTE 198 (LAUREL FORT MEADE ROAD) AND THE PATUXENT RIVER, THEN~~
15 ~~NORTHWEST ALONG THE PATUXENT RIVER TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE CITY~~
16 ~~OF LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN SOUTHWEST ALONG THE CITY OF~~
17 ~~LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY, THEN SOUTHEAST ALONG THE CITY OF~~
18 ~~LAUREL'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MARYLAND ROUTE~~
19 ~~198, THEN NORTHEAST ALONG MARYLAND ROUTE 198 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH~~
20 ~~THE PATUXENT RIVER.~~

21 (3) THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DOES NOT INCLUDE AN AREA THAT
22 INCLUDES THE CITY OF LAUREL AS ITS MUNICIPAL CORPORATE BOUNDARIES
23 EXISTED ON JULY 1, 1995 AND BEGINS AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE PATUXENT
24 RIVER AND THE MEDIAN OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 95. THEN SOUTH ALONG
25 INTERSTATE ROUTE 95 TO THE EXACT POINT WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE
26 CORPORATE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF LAUREL. AT THE POINT APPROXIMATELY
27 500 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 95 AND MARYLAND
28 ROUTE 198. THEN DIRECTLY SOUTHEAST FROM THE MIDDLE OF THIS INTERSECTION
29 WHICH THEN COINCIDES WITH CONTEE ROAD DIRECTLY TO THE INTERSECTION OF
30 CONTEE ROAD AND CHERRY LANE. THEN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ALONG CONTEE
31 ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH U.S. ROUTE 1 AND THE SOUTHERN-MOST POINT
32 OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF LAUREL. THEN NORTHEAST,
33 SOUTHEAST, SOUTH, AND EAST ALONG THE CORPORATE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY
34 OF LAUREL, TO THE EXACT POINT WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE PATUXENT RIVER,
35 THEN NORTHEAST, NORTH, AND NORTHWEST ALONG THE PATUXENT RIVER TO ITS
36 INTERSECTION WITH THE MEDIAN OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 95.

37 (4) THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
38 FOLLOWING ELECTION DISTRICTS, AS THE ELECTION DISTRICTS' BOUNDARIES
39 WERE DEFINED AS OF JULY 1, 1966:

40 (I) ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 4; AND

41 (II) ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 8.

42 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
43 SECTION, IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, AS DEFINED
44 IN § 8-401 OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE, MAY NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE
45 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

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1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act may be
2 construed as to affect the rights of any bond holder as of the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the
4 provisions of Article 28 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Prince George's County may
5 not collect any delinquent metropolitan district taxes owed under Article 28 of the
6 Annotated Code of Maryland by any area of Prince George's County that were not levied
7 prior to the effective date of this Act.

8 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this
9 Act shall take effect July 1, 1996. They shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and,
10 at the end of June 30, 1997, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
11 Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

12 SECTION 4. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 1996.