	COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND									
	SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL									
	2020 Legislative Session									
	Bill No CB-33-2020									
	Chapter No 14									
	Proposed and Presented by Council Member Turner									
	Introduced by Council Members Turner, Davis, Hawkins, Harrison, Franklin and Glaro Co-Sponsors									
	Date of Introduction June 16, 2020									
	ZONING BILL									
1	AN ORDINANCE concerning									
2	Virtual Hearings									
3	For the purpose of establishing authority for hearings held pursuant to Subtitle 27 to be held									
4	virtually, including public participation and providing alternative filing requirements.									
5	BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:									
6	Sections 27-108.01, 27-131, and 27-229,									
7	The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland,									
8	being also									
9	SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.									
10	The Prince George's County Code									
11	(2019 Edition).									
12	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,									
13	Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional									
14	District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 27-108.01, 27-131 and 27-229 of the									
15	Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince									
16	George's County Code, be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following									
17	amendments:									
18	SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.									
19	PART 2. GENERAL.									
20	DIVISION 2. INTERPRETATIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.									

1	Sec. 2	27-1	108.0	1. In	terpr	retations	and ru	iles of	constru	uction.					
2		(a)	Wo	rds and	d phr	ases are	to be in	terpre	ted as fo	ollows:					
3		*		*		*	*		*		*	*	×	¢	*
4			(8)	Time	e Cor	mputation	n: In co	mputi	ng perio	ds of ti	me, th	e day of the	e act (a	after wh	ich
5				the d	esigi	nated per	iod of t	ime be	egins to	run) is	not to	be include	d. The	last day	v of
6				the p	erioc	d comput	ed is to	be inc	cluded u	nless:					
7				(A)	It is	a Saturda	ay, Sun	day, o	r Count	y legal	holida	y, in which	n case	the perio	od
8					runs	until the	e end of	the ne	ext day t	that is r	neither	a Saturday	, Sund	lay, nor	
9					Cou	nty legal	holiday	y; or							
10				(B)	The	act is the	e filing o	of a pa	aper in a	court o	or Cou	nty office,	and th	e office	s on
11					the l	last day o	of the pe	eriod a	re:						
12					(i)	Not ope	en;								
13					(ii)	Closed	for a pa	art of t	hat day,	in whi	ch eve	nt the perio	od runs	s until th	ie
14						end of t	he next	day tl	nat is ne	ither a	Saturd	ay, Sunday	y, nor (County	egal
15						holiday	; or								
16					(iii)	Not ope	en the er	ntire d	ay durir	ng ordii	nary bu	usiness hou	ırs. Wl	hen the t	ime
17						is more	than se	even (7) days,	interme	ediate 3	Saturdays,	Sunda	ys, and	
18						County	legal h	oliday	s shall b	be cons	idered	as other da	ays, if t	the perio	od of
19						time is	seven (7) day	s or less	, intern	nediate	e Saturdays	s, Sund	lays, and	1
20						County	legal h	oliday	s shall n	not be c	county.				
21				(C)	N	otwithsta	unding s	subsec	tions (A) throu	<u>gh (B)</u>	, herein, w	here C	ounty	
22					of	fices pro	vide for	r elect	ronic or	drop b	ox fili	ngs, absent	a shov	wing of	
23					go	ood cause	e, the la	st day	of the p	eriod c	comput	ed is inclu	ded wł	nether th	<u>ie</u>
24					<u>C</u>	ounty off	fice is o	pen, c	losed fo	r part c	of the d	lay, or not	open tl	he entire	2
25					<u>da</u>	ay. When	the tim	ne is m	ore than	n seven	(7) da	ys, interme	ediate	Saturda	ys,
26					<u>Sı</u>	undays, a	nd Cou	nty le	gal holic	days sh	all be o	considered	as oth	er days.	If
27					<u>th</u>	e period	of time	is sev	en (7) d	ays or]	less, in	termediate	Satur	days,	
28					<u>Sı</u>	undays, a	nd Cou	nty le	gal holic	days sh	all not	be counted	<u>1.</u>		
29		*		*		*	*		*		*	*	*	k	*
30			<u>(27)</u>	Any	docu	iment rec	uired to	o be si	ubmitted	l in wri	ting pu	ursuant to t	his Su	btitle ma	ay
31				<u>be su</u>	ıbmit	tted elect	ronicall	<u>ly.</u>							
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2		SUBTITLE 27. ZONING							
3		PART 3. ADMINISTRATION.							
4		DIVISION 1. GENERAL ZONING PROCEDURES.							
5		SUBDIVISION 3. DISTRICT COUNCIL.							
6	Sec. 27-131. Virtual hearings.								
7	Upon notification, the District Council may hold the entire hearing or a portion of the hearing								
8	virtually and provide for virtual public participation. Notice and procedures for the hearing shall								
9	be in accordance with the District Council Rules of Procedure.								
10	Sec. 27-131 <u>.01</u> . Oral argument and appeals from Zoning Hearing Examiner's decision.							n.	
11	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
12				SUBTITL	E 27. ZOI	NING.			
13	PART 3. ADMINISTRATION.								
14		DIVISION 5. APPEALS AND VARIANCES.							
15		SUBDIVISION 2. BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL.							
16	Sec. 27-229.	Sec. 27-229. Powers and duties.							
17	(a) The Board of Zoning Appeals (known in this Division as the "Board") shall have the								
18	follow	ving power							
19	(1)	To hear a	and decid	e appeals inv	olving var	iances from	the strict ap	oplication of	of this
20		Subtitle ((common	ly known and	d referred t	o in this Di	vision as va	riances);	
21	(2)	To hear a	and decid	e appeals wh	ere it is all	eged that, in	n the admini	stration of	this
22				n error in the		U			permit,
23				cision of the					
24		Enforcen	nent, the	Planning Boa	ard, or any	other perso	n or body au	uthorized to)
25		administe	er this Su	btitle;					
26	(3)	To revers	se, affirm	, or modify a	ny decisio	n upon whi	ch the appea	l is made;	
27	(4)	-		endance of w		U	he Chairma	n or other	
28		officers of	of the Boa	ard may adm	inister oath	is; and			
29	(5)	To grant	additiona	al time to cea	se violatio	ns of this Su	ubtitle, exce	pt violatior	is of
30				, (c), (d), (h),					
31	(6)	<u>To hold a</u>	an entire	hearing or a j	portion of a	a hearing vi	rtually and p	provide for	virtual
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1	participation. Notice and procedures for the hearing shall be in accordance with							
2	the District Council Rules of Procedure.							
3	SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect on the day							
4	of its adoption.							
	Adopted this <u>21st</u> day of <u>July</u> , 2020.							
	COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND							
	BY: Todd M. Turner							
	Council Chair							
	ATTEST:							
	Donna J. Brown Clerk of the Council							
	KEY: <u>Underscoring</u> indicates language added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law. Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.							
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