COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2022 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-008-2022

Chapter No. 5

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Turner, Glaros, Harrison, and Davis

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction March 15, 2022

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AN ACT concerning

Compensation of Elected Officials

For the purpose of administratively codifying determinations of the 2021-2022 Compensation Review Board, in accordance with procedures set forth in the Charter and in compliance with State law, including the 2021-2022 Compensation Review Board’s recommendations to amend the compensation of the County Council Members and the County Executive and, including the Chair and Vice Chair of the County Council; making certain references to State law; and generally relating to the compensation of elected officials.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.
Sections 2-110.01 and 2-112.01,
The Prince George's County Code

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 308 and 406 of the Charter and State law, the 2021-2022 Compensation Review Board recommended certain modifications to compensation for the County Council Members and the County Executive, taking effect only for the members of the next succeeding County Council and County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-302 and Section 10-303 of the Local Government I Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Section 308 and Section 406 of the Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland set forth the statutory framework for the work of the 2021-2022 Compensation Review Board; and
WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Compensation Review Board recommended that the members of the County Council and the County Executive shall receive compensation for the performance of their duties under the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the County Council accepts the recommendations of the 2021-2022 Compensation Review Board by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the County Council within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the 2021-2022 Compensation Review Board’s recommendations, in accordance with Sections 308 and 406 of the Charter and the recommendations became effective under the Charter and State law; and

WHEREAS, State law also requires the codification of changes in compensation; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 2-110.01 and 2-112.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.
DIVISION 1. COUNTY COUNCIL.

Sec. 2-110.01. Compensation.

(a) The members of the County Council shall receive compensation for the performance of their public duties under the Charter of:

[(1) an amount adjusted by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), beginning on the first Monday in December 2018 and should the CPI-U reflect a decrease in the year-over-year rate, the salary shall remain at the previous year's salary level;]

[(2) an amount adjusted annually, with an increase equal to the percentage equivalent to the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for September shall have increased from the preceding September beginning on the first Monday in December 2019 and should the CPI-U reflect a decrease in the year-over-year rate, the salary shall remain at the previous year's salary level;]

[(3) an amount adjusted annually, with an increase equal to the percentage equivalent to the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for September shall have increased from the preceding September beginning on the first Monday in December 2020 and should the CPI-U reflect a decrease in the year-over-year rate, the salary shall remain at the previous year's salary level; and]
[(4) an amount adjusted annually, with an increase equal to the percentage equivalent to the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for September shall have increased from the preceding September beginning on the first Monday in December 2021 and should the CPI-U reflect a decrease in the year-over-year rate, the salary shall remain at the previous year's salary level.]

(1) no increase in the County Council Member salaries in December 2022, year one of the term. For year one of the term, the County Council Member salaries will remain at $133,817, the same level established in December 2021. For year one of the term, the Council Chair’s salary will remain at $140,508, the same level established in December 2021. For year one of the term, the Council Vice-Chair’s salary will remain $137,162, the same level established in December 2021;

(2) payment in the amounts adjusted annually, beginning in year two (2023), in year three (2024) and in year four (2025), respectively, with a percentage increase equal to the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for September shall have increased from the preceding September up to a maximum of 3.0% in each of year two, year three, and year four of the term; and

(3) for any year the CPI-U is applied for salary adjustment purposes, should the CPI-U for that year reflect a decrease in the year-over-year rate, the salaries of the County Council Members shall remain at the previous year's salary level.

(b) The compensation of the Chair of the County Council shall be fixed at five percent (5%) per annum in excess of the compensation of the other Council [m] Members during such person's term as Chair, and the compensation of the Vice-Chair of the County Council shall be fixed at two and one half percent (2.5%) per annum in excess of the compensation of the other Council [m] Members during such person's term as Vice-Chair.

(c) The County contribution for County Council [m] Members to the County's ICMA 401 Defined Contribution Plan shall increase from five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%), while the County Council [m] Members will continue to contribute five percent (5%) of base salary.

(d) The compensation of [m] Members of the County Council shall be determined in accordance with Section 308 of the Charter and applicable State law.

DIVISION 2. COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

Sec. 2-112.01. Compensation.
(a) The County Executive shall receive compensation for the performance of public duties under the Charter of:

[(1) an amount that will remain at the same level established in December 2017 ($212,998), beginning the first Monday in December 2018;]

[(2) an amount adjusted annually, with an increase equal to the percentage equivalent to the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for September shall have increased from the preceding September up to a maximum of $3,000, beginning on the first Monday in December 2019 and should the CPI-U reflect a decrease in the year-over-year rate, the salary shall remain at the previous year's salary level;]

[(3) an amount adjusted annually, with an increase equal to the percentage equivalent to the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for September shall have increased from the preceding September up to a maximum of $3,000, beginning on the first Monday in December 2020 and should the CPI-U reflect a decrease in the year-over-year rate, the salary shall remain at the previous year's salary level; and]

[(4) an amount adjusted annually, with an increase equal to the percentage equivalent to the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for September shall have increased from the preceding September up to a maximum of $3,000, beginning on the first Monday in December 2021 and should the CPI-U reflect a decrease in the year-over-year rate, the salary shall remain at the previous year's salary level.]

(1) no increase in the County Executive’s salary in December 2022, year one of the term.

For year one of the term, the County Executive’s salary will remain at $221,998, the same level established in December 2021;

(2) payment in the amounts adjusted annually, beginning in year two (2023), in year three (2024) and in year four (2025), respectively, with a percentage increase equal to the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for September shall have increased from the preceding September up to a maximum of 3.0% in each of year two, year three, and year four of the term; and

(3) for any year the CPI-U is applied for salary adjustment purposes, should the CPI-U for that year reflect a decrease in the year-over-year rate, the salary of the County Executive shall remain at the previous year's salary level.

(b) The County contribution for the County Executive to the County's ICMA 401 Defined
Contribution Plan shall increase from five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%), while the County Executive will continue to contribute five percent (5%) of base salary.

(c) The compensation of the County Executive shall be determined in accordance with Section 406 of the Charter and applicable State law.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.
Adopted this 5th day of April, 2022, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: ______________________________________
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: ________________________ BY: ________________________
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring 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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