

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2022 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-037-2022

Chapter No. 20

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Harrison, Turner, Streeter, Taveras, and Glaros

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction June 7, 2022

**CHARTER AMENDMENT**

AN ACT concerning

Amendment of Sections 308 and 406, Charter of Prince George's County

For the purpose of proposing an amendment to Sections 308 and 406 of the Charter of Prince George's County to have the compensation of the County Council members and the County Executive comply with State law.

BY proposing an amendment to:

Sections 308 and 406,

Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the following amendment to Sections 308 and 406, Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland, is hereby proposed:

**ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.**

**Section 308. Compensation.**

The compensation of Council members may be changed by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the full Council. [Not later than December 15 of the last year of each term, a compensation review board shall be appointed by the Council and the County Executive to study the rate of current compensation for Council members and the County Executive and make a recommendation regarding the amount of compensation.] Establishing not later than one year prior to the beginning of each fourth year of a term, by ordinance, the Council shall establish a commission appointed by the Council and the County Executive to recommend compensation and allowances for members of the Council and the County Executive. The commission shall

1 commence its work at the discretion of the chair of the commission. Within 15 days after the  
 2 beginning of the fourth year of the term, a commission established under this section, by resolution,  
 3 shall submit to the Council its recommendation for the compensation and allowances for members  
 4 of the Council and the County Executive. The commission may recommend an increase or  
 5 decrease in the compensation and allowances for members of the Council and County Executive.  
 6 Membership on the Council shall be considered a full-time position for the purpose of determining  
 7 compensation. [The board shall issue its recommendation not later than the following February  
 8 15.] The Council may, within ninety days of the receipt of the [compensation review board's]  
 9 commission's recommendation, by ordinance, accept, reduce, or reject but may not increase any  
 10 item of [amend] the recommendation by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full Council [,  
 11 otherwise, the recommendation shall stand approved. Any increase or decrease in compensation  
 12 which becomes law during one term of office shall not become effective before the next term].  
 13 Any change in the compensation and allowances for members of the Council shall be enacted by  
 14 ordinance before the election for the members of the next succeeding Council and take effect only  
 15 for the members of the next succeeding Council. The compensation or allowances for Council  
 16 members may not be less than provided in the Charter.

#### 17 **ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE BRANCH.**

##### 18 **Section 406. Compensation.**

19 The County Executive's compensation may be changed by an affirmative vote of not less than two-  
 20 thirds of the members of the full Council. [Not later than December 15 of the last year of each  
 21 term, a compensation review board shall be appointed by the Council and the County Executive  
 22 to study the rate of current compensation for the Council and the County Executive and make a  
 23 recommendation regarding the amount of compensation.] Establishing not later than one year prior  
 24 to the beginning of each fourth year of a term, by ordinance, the Council shall establish a  
 25 commission appointed by the Council and the County Executive to recommend compensation and  
 26 allowances for members of the Council and the County Executive. The commission shall  
 27 commence its work at the discretion of the chair of the commission. Within 15 days after the  
 28 beginning of the fourth year of the term, a commission established under this section, by resolution,  
 29 shall submit to the Council its recommendation for the compensation and allowances for members  
 30 of the Council and the County Executive. The commission may recommend an increase or  
 31 decrease in the compensation and allowances for members of the Council and County Executive.

1 [The board shall issue its recommendation not later than the following February 15]. The Council  
 2 may, within ninety days of the receipt of the [compensation review board's recommendation,]  
 3 commission's recommendation, by ordinance, accept, reduce, or reject but may not increase any  
 4 item of [amend] the recommendation by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full Council. [,  
 5 otherwise the recommendation shall stand approved. Any increase or decrease in compensation  
 6 which becomes law during one term of office shall not become effective before the next term.]  
 7 Any change in the compensation and allowances for the County Executive shall be enacted by  
 8 ordinance before the election for the next succeeding County Executive and take effect only for  
 9 the next succeeding County Executive. The compensation or allowances for the County Executive  
 10 may not be less than provided in the Charter.

11 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a copy of this Act be transmitted to the  
 12 County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors  
 13 of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County at the 2022  
 14 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter.

15 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the question of adoption of this proposed  
 16 Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election  
 17 occurring on November 8, 2022, and shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

18 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

19 To have the compensation of the County Council members and the  
 20 County Executive comply with State law.

1        Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of  
2        the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

KEY:  
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AT THE REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022,  
AS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 1, 2022