

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2024 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-082-2024

Chapter No. 82

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey, Watson, Hawkins, Burroughs,

Dernoga and Olson

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 22, 2024

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Commercial Property Standards

3 For the purpose of prohibiting framing lights in commercial storefronts to reduce the harmful
4 effects of light pollution on Prince George's County residents and neighborhoods; and providing
5 for certain fines for non-compliance.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.

8 SECTION 13-243

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2023 Edition).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
12 Maryland, that Section 13-243 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby
13 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

14 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.

15 DIVISION 7. PROPERTY STANDARDS AND MAINTENANCE.

16 Sec. 13-243. Signs, marquees, and awnings.

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18 (c) Framing lights, whether static or flashing, internal or external, fully or partially framing
19 windows or doors, is prohibited for commercial use. Notwithstanding the fines set forth in
20 Section 13-246 of the County Code, any person who fails to comply with the remedial action set

1 forth in a notice of violation of this Subsection shall be subject to the following monetary fines:

2 (1) A minimum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) upon the initial violation, and

3 (2) An additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for each subsequent violation, up to
4 a maximum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per property.

5 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Director of the Department of
6 Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement or the Director's designee shall enforce the provisions
7 of this Act no earlier than ninety (90) calendar days after this Act becomes law.

8 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
9 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
10 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
11 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
12 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
13 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
14 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
15 or section.

16 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)
17 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 19th day of November, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: Jolene Ivey
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
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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THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE HAVING FAILED TO RETURN THIS BILL WITH EITHER HER
APPROVAL OR VETO WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ITS PRESENTATION TO
HER, THIS BILL BECAME LAW ON DECEMBER 20, 2024.