COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2025 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-068-2025

Chapter No. 55

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Watson

Introduced by Council Member Watson

Co-Sponsors Council Members Fisher and Harrison

Date of Introduction October 21, 2025

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Code Of Ethics

For the purpose of amending the Prince George's County Code of Ethics to prohibit a former Council Member's compensated representation in certain matters in which they participated as a Council Member; and generally relating to the Prince George's County Code of Ethics.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

Section 2-293,

The Prince George's County Code

(2023 Edition, 2024 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 2-293 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

DIVISION 17. CODE OF ETHICS.

Sec. 2-293. Prohibited conduct and interests.

(a) Participation Prohibitions. Except as permitted by Board regulations or opinion, an official or employee may not participate in:

(1) Any matter, except in the exercise of an administrative or ministerial duty which does not affect the disposition or decision with respect to that matter, if, to [his] their knowledge, [he] they, [his] their spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister has an interest therein.

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(2) Post employment limitations and restrictions.

(A) With the exception of former members of the county Council, a former official or employee may not assist or represent any party other than the county for compensation in a case, contract, or other specific matter involving the county if that matter is one in which [he] they significantly participated as an official or employee. A specific matter may be one in which there is the same basic facts, related issues, and information, involving the same or related interest, as well as other considered factors.

(B) Until the conclusion of one calendar year from the date the official leaves County office, a former member of the county council may not assist or represent another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action.

(C) A former member of the County Council may not assist or represent another party for compensation in any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding in which they significantly participated in or voted on as a member of the County Council.

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 17th day of November, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: 12/8/2025 BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
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.