

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-088-2025
Chapter No. 62
Proposed and Presented by Council Member Hawkins
Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Watson, Oriadha and Dernoga
Co-Sponsors Council Members Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Fisher, and Ivey
Date of Introduction October 21, 2025

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Locally Owned and Operated Business Incentive Act

3 For the purpose of stimulating the growth of locally owned and operated businesses by reducing
4 the stifling burden of fees and charges on such businesses, thus fostering economic growth in
5 Prince George's County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

8 Section 2-253.63

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

11 **WHEREAS** locally-owned and operated businesses are businesses based in Prince George's
12 County with majority ownership by one or more county residents;

13 **WHEREAS** studies show that dollars spent with and by locally-owned and operated
14 businesses circulate up to seven times locally, creating additional economic growth, local jobs,
15 and increasing the local commercial tax base;

16 **WHEREAS** increasing the number and growth of locally-owned and operated businesses is
17 a critical component to Prince George's County's economic growth strategy and will create more
18 generational wealth for county residents;

19 **WHEREAS** fees and charges, particularly for start-up businesses, are a major impediment
20 to the growth of locally-owned and operated businesses, thus hurting the growth of Prince
21 George's County's economy, NOW THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 2-253.63 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

DIVISION 14C. FEES AND CHARGES.

Sec. 2-253.63. Fees and Charges.

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(i) Fees and charges pursuant to this section assessed to a Locally owned and Operated Business as defined in Section 10-335(a)(4) shall be discounted by 50% at the time of such assessment.

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.

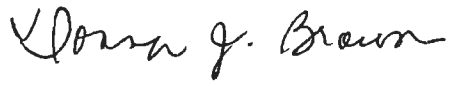
SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2025.

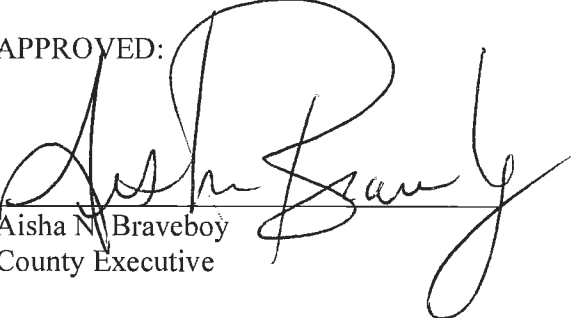
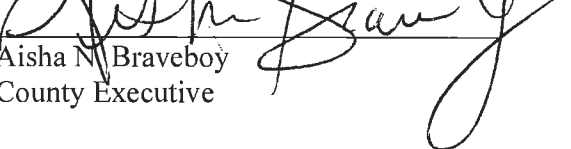
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BY: 
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:


Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

DATE: 12/8/2025

APPROVED: 
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.

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