

Bill No.: _____

Requested: _____

Committee: _____

Drafted by: Morgan

Typed by: Lynn

Stored – 01/20/21

Proofread by _____

Checked by _____

By: **Prince George’s County Delegation**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Public Ethics – Definition of Application**

3 **PG 416–21**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of “application” to exclude participation in
5 adopting and approving a certain amendment to a countywide zoning map in Prince
6 George’s County for a certain purpose; and generally relating to public ethics and
7 Prince George’s County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – General Provisions
10 Section 5–833(a), (i), (j), and (k)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – General Provisions
15 Section 5–833(d)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – General Provisions**

4 5–833.

5 (a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (d) **(1)** “Application” means:

7 **[(1)] (I)** an application for:

8 **[(i)] 1.** a zoning map amendment;

9 **[(ii)] 2.** a special exception;

10 **[(iii)] 3.** a departure from design standards;

11 **[(iv)] 4.** a revision to a special exception site plan;

12 **[(v)] 5.** an expansion of a legal nonconforming use;

13 **[(vi)] 6.** a revision to a legal nonconforming use site plan; or

14 **[(vii)] 7.** a request for a variance from the zoning ordinance;

15 **[(2)] (II)** an application to approve:

16 **[(i)] 1.** a comprehensive design plan;

17 **[(ii)] 2.** a conceptual site plan; or

18 **[(iii)] 3.** a specific design plan; or

19 **[(3)] (III)** participation in adopting and approving an area master plan or
20 sectional map amendment by appearance at a public hearing, filing a statement in the
21 official record, or other similar communication to a member of the County Council or the

1 Planning Board, where the intent is to intensify the zoning category applicable to the land
2 of the applicant.

3 **(2) “APPLICATION” DOES NOT INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN**
4 **ADOPTING AND APPROVING A COUNTYWIDE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT THAT IS**
5 **RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT**
6 **COUNCIL, WHERE THE INTENT IS TO IMPLEMENT AN APPROVED GENERAL PLAN BY**
7 **REPEALING AND REPLACING ALL ZONING CATEGORIES APPLICABLE TO LAND IN**
8 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

9 (i) “County Council” means the County Council of Prince George’s County.

10 (j) “County Executive” means the County Executive of Prince George’s County.

11 (k) “District Council” means the County Council of Prince George’s County sitting
12 as the District Council for the Prince George’s County portion of the Maryland–Washington
13 Regional District.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2021.