

Question A - [CR-053-2026](#)

Text of Proposed Charter Amendments (additions in **BOLD CAPS**; deletions in ~~striketrough~~):

Section 813. - Approval of New or Additional Taxes by Referendum.

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(e) **TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED UPON THE OPERATORS OF BUSINESS USES DEEMED TO HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON COMMUNITY HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONSOLIDATED STORAGE USES AND SELLERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

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Question B - [CR-057-2026](#)

Text of Proposed Charter Amendments (additions in **BOLD CAPS**; deletions in ~~striketrough~~):

Sec. 301. Composition.

The Legislative Branch of the County government shall consist of the County Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, and the officers and employees thereof. The Council shall be composed of nine district members ~~and two at-large members.~~

Sec. 303.- Election.

The Council shall be elected at the same time as State officers and in the manner provided by law. Each district member of the Council, at the time of their election, shall reside in a different one of the nine Council districts of the County, and shall be nominated and elected by the qualified voters of the Council district in which they reside. ~~Two members of the Council shall be nominated and elected by the qualified voters of the entire County.~~

Sec. 307. Qualifications and Restrictions.

~~An at-large Council member shall have been a qualified voter of Prince George's County for 9 at least one year immediately preceding their general election.~~ Council members representing one of the nine Council districts shall have been a qualified voter of their respective Council district for at least one year immediately preceding their general election. In an election year immediately following an approved decennial redistricting plan changing the boundaries of any Council district, the one-year residency requirement immediately preceding the general election shall not apply if a person is deemed a qualified voter but no longer resides in their former Council district

because of a boundary change in the approved decennial redistricting plan. Such person shall have resided in their former Council district for at least one-year immediately preceding their general election and shall reside in the same Council district as changed in the approved decennial redistricting plan by the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy. During their term of office, they shall not hold any other office of profit in state, county, or municipal government. A Council member shall not, during the whole term for which they were elected, be eligible for appointment to any County office or position carrying compensation which has been created during their term of office.

Section 307A. - Term Limitation. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the County Council. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as County Executive: ~~provided that a Council member who has served two terms as a district member shall be eligible 26 to run for an at large seat on the Council and is eligible to serve for no more than two consecutive 27 terms as an at large member. This Section shall apply to all persons who are currently serving on 28 the County Council or as County Executive on the effective date of this Section and to all persons 29 elected thereafter.~~

Question C - [CR-054-2026](#)

Text of Proposed Charter Amendments not currently available from County Council.

Question D - [CR-056-2026](#)

Text of Proposed Charter Amendments (additions in **BOLD CAPS**; deletions in ~~strikethrough~~):

Article VI. Purchasing.

Section 602. - Duties of the County Purchasing Agent. The duties of the County Purchasing Agent shall include **FULL SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND PURCHASE ORDERS AS WELL AS** responsibility for:

- (1) ~~the making of all purchases and the contracting for all public work and services for which payment is to be made out of~~ **FROM** County funds;
- (2) ~~the establishment~~ **ESTABLISHING**, after consultation with the appropriate County officials, ~~of specifications and standards for all supplies, material and equipment, and the inspection of~~ **INSPECTING** all deliveries to ~~insure~~ **ENSURE** compliance with such specifications and standards;

- (3) ~~the establishment and maintenance~~ **ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING** of a system of requisitions and receipts covering the furnishing of supplies, materials, and equipment to the various using agencies;
- (4) ~~the preparation~~ **PREPARING** for legislative action ~~thereon~~ by the Council of reasonable rules and regulations governing emergency purchases, contracts, and services or material and equipment of an unusual or noncompetitive nature which shall not be subject to competitive bidding; and
- (5) ~~the sale or other disposition of surplus, old, and waste supplies, materials, and equipment or the transfer of same between using agencies; and~~
- (6) ~~the conduct of~~ **CONDUCTING** programs involving joint or cooperative purchasing with other public jurisdictions **ENTITIES**.

Question E - [CR-055-2026](#)

Text of Proposed Charter Amendments (additions in **BOLD CAPS**; deletions in strikethrough):

Article IX. Personnel.

Section 908. Right to Organize and Bargain Collectively.

In order that County employees may participate in the formulation and implementation of personnel policies affecting their employment, they shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, subject to any procedural regulations that the Council shall provide by law. The Council shall provide by law a labor code for County employees, which shall include:

- (1) the manner of establishing units appropriate for collective bargaining;
- (2) the manner of designating or selecting bargaining representatives; and
- (3) definitions of and remedies for unfair labor practices.

In order to prevent strikes, job actions, and other disruptions that might impede the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare, the County Executive shall immediately submit to binding arbitration any disputed issues including but not limited to wages and terms and conditions of employment arising out of the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement with a representative of County Protective Service Employees which has not successfully been negotiated by March 1 of the year in which any existing agreement expires unless an extension is mutually agreed upon.

"Protective Service Employees" shall be defined as sworn police officers, uniformed firefighters, correctional officers and deputy sheriffs. The disputed issues shall be submitted to the American Arbitration Association **OR THE FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE** and arbitrated pursuant to the ~~rules of the American Arbitration Association~~ **LABOR CODE**. The arbitration hearing shall be concluded and decision rendered within ninety days of the submission of arbitration unless otherwise

ordered by the arbitrator. The decision of this mandatory arbitration shall be binding upon the County and the Protective Service Employees. The County Executive is authorized to submit to binding arbitration any disputes arising out of the interpretation of, or the application of, any collective bargaining agreement with the representative of County employees. Nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize a strike by any County employee or employees engaged in duties directly affecting the public safety.