
NOTICE OF INITIATION AND JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

**THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY COUNCIL,
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL,
AND
THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PLANNING BOARD OF
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

Pursuant to the Regional District Act within the Land Use Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as well as Subtitle 27 of the Prince George’s County Code, being also the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George’s County, Maryland, notice is hereby given that a **public hearing** will be held to seek public comment and testimony concerning:

**The Staff Draft West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and Proposed
Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) (CR-002-2022)**

To view the Council Resolution (CR-002-2022) initiating the sector plan and sectional map amendment, please visit the Legislative Branch website, <https://princegeorgescountymd.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>

PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME: Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION: Wayne K. Curry Administrative Building
1st Floor Council Hearing Room
1301 McCormick Drive, Largo, Maryland 20774

View virtually using the link provided at: <https://pgccouncil.us/LIVE>

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING: To give interested persons the opportunity to attend and provide public comment, either in support or opposition, concerning the Staff Draft West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment (SMA).

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: In-Person Public Hearing – The Prince George's County Council will meet in-person. To register to speak or submit comments or written testimony, please use the Council’s eComment portal at: <https://pgccouncil.us/Speak>. For those unable to use the portal, comments/written correspondence may be emailed to: onlinesignup@co.pg.md.us or faxed to (301) 952-5178.

Registration to speak should be completed by 3:00 p.m. on the day BEFORE the hearing. On-site registration is now available; however, advance registration to testify is strongly encouraged. Speakers will be given 3 minutes to speak. Written comments may be submitted through the close of business on **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**, when the record of public hearing testimony will close. Testimony and comments will not be accepted via social media or by telephone/voice mail message. These policies are in effect until further notice. Any future changes to them will be communicated on the County Council website, County Council social

media channels, via Alert Prince George's, and will be shared with the press via a press release.

The proposed Staff Draft West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) can be viewed online at <https://pgplan.org/WHQC>, or a physical copy is available for review on site at no cost at the following locations:

1. City of Hyattsville, City Hall, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781
2. City of Mount Rainier, City Hall, 1 Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712
3. Town of Brentwood, Town Hall, 4300 39th Place, Brentwood, MD 20722
4. Hyattsville Branch Library, 6530 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782
5. Mount Rainier Branch Library, 3409 Rhode Island Avenue, Mount Rainier, MD 20712
6. M-NCPPC Planning Information Services, 1616 McCormick Drive, Largo, MD 20774

The West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Planning Area is generally bounded by Arundel Road and the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River levee to the south; MD 208 (38th Avenue) and MD 500 (Queens Chapel Road) to the east; MD 410 (East-West Highway), Belcrest Road, Oliver Street, Nicholas Orem Middle School, and Oliver Place to the north; and the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River valley, MD 501 (Chillum Road), 16th Avenue, and the District of Columbia to the west.

IF YOUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT IDENTIFIED ABOVE, APPROVAL OF THE SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT COULD RESULT IN THE REZONING OF YOUR PROPERTY, WHICH COULD THEN AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY VALUES AND YOUR TAX LIABILITY.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you intend to provide testimony at the Joint Public Hearing and/or file a statement in the official record, and your intent is to request or support an intensification of zoning, **please read carefully the affidavit requirements explained in this notice.**

If you intend to provide in-person testimony at the Joint Public Hearing on the Staff Draft West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) and/or file a statement in the official record, **and your intent is to request or support an intensification of zoning**, you must complete and return an affidavit in accordance with the State Public Ethics Law, §§5-833 through 5-839, General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. Your affidavit should be submitted to the Clerk of the Council at least 30 days prior to the Joint Public Hearing on the SMA, or **Friday, August 30, 2024**. Required affidavits should be submitted to the Clerk of the County Council in electronic format only, via the Council's eComment portal or by email to onlinesignup@co.pg.md.us, rather than by U.S. mail.

Affidavit forms for Prince George's County are available for download on the Maryland State Ethics Commission website at:

For individuals: <http://ethics.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/filebase/local-gov/local-gov-forms/PGNO1.pdf>

For entities: <http://ethics.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/filebase/local-gov/local-gov-forms/PGNO2.pdf>

For agents: <http://ethics.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/filebase/local-gov/local-gov-forms/PGNO3.pdf>

Communication concerning a pending zoning request between a property owner or agent and a member of the County Council or County Executive outside of the public hearing process is prohibited by law and must be disclosed (§5-836, General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland). An Ex Parte form must be filed by all parties regarding any such communication within five (5) days after the communication was made or received. Ex Parte forms are also available for download on the Maryland State Ethics Commission website at:

<https://ethics.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/filebase/local-gov/local-gov-forms/PGNO4.pdf>

Section 27-4102(b) of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance states that the "order of intensity of zones is as follows, beginning with the least intense zone and progressing to the most intense:

- (1) ROS, AG, AR, RE, RR, RSF-95, RSF-65, RMH, RSF-A, R-PD, RMF-12, RMF-20, RMF-48, CN, NAC, CS, LMXC, CGO, LCD, MU-PD, IE, IE-PD, IH, LMUTC, NAC, TAC, LTO, RTO-L, RTO-H, NAC-PD, TAC-PD, LTO-PD, RTO-PD."

In accordance with the provisions of the State Public Ethics Law, above, failure to file an affidavit before the close of business on Friday, August 30, 2024, may delay or prohibit consideration of your testimony by the District Council.

For more information on the affidavits and *ex parte* disclosure form, please see the Special Ethics Law Memo here: <https://ethics.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/filebase/local-gov/local-gov-forms/PG-County-Zoning.pdf>

Direct all questions concerning State Public Ethics affidavits or Ex Parte disclosure requirements to the State Ethics Commission at (410) 260-7770.

For additional information, contact
the West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Planning Team
M-NCPPC, Prince George's County Planning Department, Community Planning Division
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**BY ORDER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL,
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**
Jolene Ivey, Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the County Council

**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION**
By: Asuntha Chiang-Smith
Executive Director

Two Insertions: 08/15/2024 & 08/22/2024 or
08/16/2024 & 08/23/2024

ATTEST:

Gavin Cohen
Secretary-Treasurer

NOTE:

Please send your certification of publication, in duplicate, covering the legal notice as well as an invoice for payment by email to CommunityPlanning@ppd.mncppc.org and by mail:

Prince George's County Planning Department, Community Planning Division
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Community Planning Division
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