

## **Food Related Legislation**

In 2009, the *Rand Report* was a study commissioned to assess the overall public health condition of the Prince George's County community. In 2012, The Prince George's County Health Department utilized the data from the *Rand Report* to create an action plan entitled "*Prince George's County Health Improvement Plan 2011 to 2014: Blueprint for a Healthier County*". This plan put forth Priorities, Objectives, and Strategies.

Under **Priority 2: Prevent and Control Chronic Disease in Prince George's County, Particularly Among Minorities**, The County determined that there was a need to increase access to healthier foods. This assessment was further bolstered by *Plan 2035*, a comprehensive plan laying out long term strategies and policy guidelines for the development of the County, which included 1) developing a healthcare and life sciences industry cluster targeting specific fields, such as clinical research, nutrition, and food safety and 2) Improving residents' access to fresh foods, in particular for households living in low-income areas with limited transportation options, and promote sources of fresh foods countywide.

The County Council voted affirmatively on a series of legislation (See Below) to accomplish these goals, from establishing and providing a regulatory framework for the operation of food trucks in Prince George's County through the concept of a Food Truck Hub, a designated area for food trucks to sell their products to enhancing the utilization of farmers markets.

### **Council Bills**

**CB-10-2014** established a permit and fee for a Sampler's License in County based Farmer's Markets.

**CB-37-2014** encouraged and supported Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) acceptance and processing technology at farmer's markets.

**CB-16-2015** provided certain limited exemptions to County licensing and health requirements for Food Truck Hubs.

**CB-17-2015** clarified fixed locations for special food service facilities-mobile units (food trucks) for temporary periods and provided certain limited exemptions to County licensing and health requirements for Food Truck Hubs.

**CB-51-2015** established a business license for special food service facilities-Mobile Units.

**CB-89-2015** amended certain definitions and enforcement procedures for food service facilities to comply with recent changes to the Code of Maryland Regulations 10.15.03 and generally relating to food service facilities and food service manager certifications.

**CB-16-2016** amended the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance concerning Farmer's Markets.

**CB-48-2016** is companion legislation to CR-52-2016 and it eliminated the \$300.00 administrative license fee for Special Food Service Facility – Mobile Units at Food Truck Hubs in Prince George's County,

extended the operating hours of the Food Truck Hub pursuant to certain requirements, and required all applicants to provide a copy of their Federal Employer Identification Number as well as evidence of Combined Central Registration with the Maryland Comptroller's Office.

**CB-69-2016** amended the Industrial Use Table to permit bakery products manufacturing / preparation with companion uses and Bakery Products Manufacturing uses generally within the Industrial Zones of Prince George's County.

**CB-70-2016** allowed catering or food processing for offsite consumption in certain commercial kitchens located in residential zones.

**CB-8-2018** relocated a food truck hub designated area.

**CB-4-2019** clarified the method of operations at Farmer's Markets.

**CB-21-2019** revised the food service manager certification time period.

**CB-37-2019** reduced and eliminated certain food truck licensing fees.

**CB-3-2020** established a Healthy Food Priority Area Tax Credit Program and related requirements.

**CB-70-2020** defined Food Halls in the Zoning Ordinance, permitted the use in the I-1 (Light Industrial), I-3 (Planned Industrial/Employment Park), U-L-I (Urban Light Industrial), M-X-T (Mixed Use Transportation-Oriented), M-X-C (Mixed Use Community), and Commercial Zones of Prince George's County under certain circumstances, and provided certain parking, loading, and regulatory requirements for the use.

**CB-71-2020** provided legislative intent and findings; defined children's meal at a food service facility; defined a food service facility; defined covered establishments; defined default beverages; defined independent food service facilities; established nutrition requirements for children's meals; established default beverages for children's meals; provided for certain qualifications, enforcement and penalties as it generally relates to healthy children's meals and beverages.

**CB-75-2020** modified the definition of a Grocery Store Focus Area and made Healthy Food Priority Areas eligible for the Grocery Store Real Property Tax Credit.

### **Council Resolutions**

**CR-72-2013** endorsed the proposal of the Food Equity Council Task Force to establish a Food Equity Council.

**CR-22-2014** expressed the concern of the Prince George's County Council to the United States Department of the Agriculture and United States Forest Service regarding horizontal drilling in the Potomac River watershed area and its potential to impact Prince George's County drinking water.

**CR-15-2015** established the Food Truck Oversight Committee to provide continuing oversight and support of the Food Truck Hub Program created by CB-16-2015 and CB-17-2015.

**CR-26-2016** authorized the creation of a Food Truck Hub at Pocket Park in the City of College Park.

**CR-52-2016** eliminated the \$300.00 administrative license fee for Special Food Service Facility – Mobile Units at Food Truck Hubs in Prince George’s County.

**CR-10-2017** temporarily waived the fees and associated technology charge involving inspections required to receive a Special Food Service Facilities-Mobile Units License.

**CR-31-2017** authorized the creation of a Food Truck Hub at Bowie Town Center in the City of Bowie.

**CR-23-2018** authorized the creation of a Food Truck Hub at Iverson Mall.

**CR-20-2019** authorized the creation of a Food Truck Hub at Streetcar 82 Brewing Company in the City of Hyattsville.

**CR-65-2019** allowed for the operation of food trucks throughout all Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission Facilities.

**CR-66-2019** reduced the fee for the Mobile Unit Food Service Facility found in the Table of Fees.

**CR-67-2019** encouraged the implementation of a Food Truck Healthy Options Certification Program.

**CR-68-2019** authorized the creation of a Food Truck Hub in Downtown Upper Marlboro.

**CR-73-2019** delegated authority to incorporated municipalities to regulate food trucks within their jurisdiction.

**CR-62-2020** established the Prince George’s County Food Security Task Force to address issues related to the demand and supply of healthy food and areas with limited access to healthy food, food-health connections, school meals, and food security in Prince Georges County.

**CR-99-2020** designated areas in Prince George’s County as Healthy Food Priority Areas.