

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.