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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

### NOTICE

This NOTICE is provided pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the "Governor") dated March 5, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 12, 2020 entitled, "Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements," as it may be amended from time to time.

Under the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order, a head of local government may suspend the effect of any legal or procedural deadline, due date, time expiration, period of time, or other time of an act or event described within any State or local statute, rule, or regulation that the local government administers upon a finding that the suspension will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety. Any such suspension may continue until no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date by which the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

The Public Information Act (the "Act") imposes a number of deadlines on a governmental unit that receives an application for inspection or copies of records. These deadlines may be found in multiple sections of the Act, namely Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§4-202, 4-203, 4-358 and 4-502.

Given the operational challenges presented by the present COVID-19 state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, and upon my finding that suspension of the effect of the deadlines contained in the above-referenced sections of the Act will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety, those provisions are hereby suspended for any request for inspection or copies of records filed with any agency or unit of the Prince George's County Government on or after April 1, 2020.

The effect of this suspension is that each of the deadlines contained in the above-referenced sections of the Act will be extended until the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded. Once those actions have occurred, a new notice will be issued that contains the amended dates for each of the affected deadlines.

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