

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 12-21

Introduced by Mr. Volke

By the County Council, January 19, 2021

1 RESOLUTION urging the Anne Arundel County Executive to increase indoor
2 restaurant capacity to 50%

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4 WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
5 proclaimed a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire
6 State of Maryland pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the State
7 Code, due to the impending threat and continuing impact of the contagious disease
8 known as COVID-19; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Governor's proclamation has subsequently been renewed at
11 regular monthly intervals, and is still in effect; and

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13 WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 16 dated March 13, 2020, the Anne Arundel
14 County Executive proclaimed a civil emergency in Anne Arundel County, pursuant
15 to Article I, Title 6 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended); and

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17 WHEREAS, by Bill No. 24-20, the County Council extended the Proclamation of
18 Civil Emergency by the County Executive through April 4, 2020, or to the date the
19 civil emergency proclamation for the State of Maryland is approved to be renewed,
20 extended, or terminated by the Governor of Maryland or the Maryland General
21 Assembly; and

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23 WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01 dated November 17, 2020
24 Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed that Foodservice Establishments are
25 permitted to serve food and beverages to customers for consumption in indoor
26 seating areas at 50% capacity during regular business hours, but not in a buffet
27 format or to customers who are not seated; and

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29 WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, the County Executive issued Executive Order
30 No. 41 that, among other things, requires restaurants, bars, and other similar
31 Foodservice Establishments to limit the total number of persons permitted indoors
32 to 25% of the establishment's Maximum Occupancy (as defined in Governor's
33 Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01); and be it hereby

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35 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it urges the*
36 *County Executive to immediately rescind the portion of Executive Order No. 41 that limits*
37 *the total number of persons permitted indoors to 25% of the Foodservice Establishment's*
38 *Maximum Occupancy (as defined in Governor's Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01) and*

1 allow Foodservice Establishments to operate with the capacity limits set forth in the
2 Governor's Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01; and be it further

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4 *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.