

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 13-21

Introduced by Mr. Volke

By the County Council, January 19, 2021

1 RESOLUTION urging the Anne Arundel County Executive to increase Retail  
2 Establishment 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 retail establishments may open  
25 to the general public, provided, however, that the total number of persons permitted  
26 in a Retail Establishment at any one time shall not exceed 50% of that Retail  
27 Establishment's Maximum Occupancy; 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 that the total number of persons permitted  
31 in a Retail Establishment (as defined in the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-  
32 11-17-01) at any one time shall not exceed 25% of that Retail Establishment's  
33 Maximum Occupancy, or for any Retail Establishment without a posted Maximum  
34 Occupancy, 150 square feet of public space per person; and be it hereby

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36 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it urges the*  
37 *County Executive to immediately rescind the portion of Executive Order No. 41 that limits*  
38 *the total number of persons permitted in a Retail Establishment (as defined in the*  
39 *Governor's Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01) at any one time to 25% of that Retail*

1 Establishment's Maximum Occupancy, or for any Retail Establishment without a posted  
2 Maximum Occupancy, 150 square feet of public space per person and allow Retail  
3 Establishments to operate with the capacity limits set forth in the Governor's Executive  
4 Order No. 20-11-17-01; and be it further

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