

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 14-21

Introduced by Mr. Volke

By the County Council, January 19, 2021

1 RESOLUTION urging the Anne Arundel County Executive to increase Indoor
2 Recreation Establishments 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 Indoor Recreation
25 Establishments may open to the general public provided, however, that the total
26 number of persons permitted in an Indoor Recreation Establishment at any one time
27 shall not exceed 50% of that Indoor Recreation Establishment's Maximum
28 Occupancy (defined below); and

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30 WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, the County Executive issued Executive Order
31 No. 41 that, among other things, directed roller rinks and indoor ice rinks may
32 operate, but no more than 10 persons may be on the ice or on the rink at any one
33 time, and no more than 10 additional persons who are non-employees may be in
34 the facility at any one time; Bowling Alleys may continue to operate provided that
35 the total number of persons permitted in a Bowling Alley at any one time shall not
36 exceed 25% of that Bowling Alley's Maximum Occupancy; Electronic bingo (no
37 live call) is permitted, provided it is held in a space that provides at least 150 square
38 feet per occupant, and provided the total number of persons permitted in any such
39 facility at any one time shall not exceed 25% of that facility's Maximum

1 Occupancy; Pool halls and billiard halls shall close; and Live call bingo is not
2 permitted; and be it hereby

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4 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it urges the
5 County Executive to immediately rescind the portion of Executive Order No. 41 that limits
6 Indoor Recreation Establishments including Roller Rinks, Indoor Ice Rinks, Bowling
7 Alleys, Bingo facilities, Pool Halls and Billiard Halls to capacity limits below those set
8 forth in the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01, and that directs Live Call Bingo
9 facilities, Pool Halls and Billiard Halls shall be closed, and allow Indoor Recreation
10 Establishments to operate with the capacity limits set forth in the Governor's Executive
11 Order No. 20-11-17-01; and be it further

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