

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 8-21

Introduced by Mr. Volke

By the County Council, January 19, 2021

1 RESOLUTION urging the Anne Arundel County Executive to increase capacity for
2 Fitness Centers 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 Fitness Centers may open to the
25 general public provided that the total number of persons permitted in a Fitness
26 Center at any one time shall not exceed 50% of that Fitness Center's Maximum
27 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 Fitness Centers (as defined in the
31 Governor's Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01) may not allow sports or sports
32 practices but may conduct classes or group fitness activities provided said activities
33 are held in a space that provides at least 150 square feet per participant and the total
34 number of persons permitted in a Fitness Center at any one time shall not exceed
35 25% of that Fitness Center's Maximum Occupancy; and

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37 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it urges the*
38 *County Executive to immediately rescind the portion of Executive Order No. 41 that limits*
39 *the total number of persons permitted in a Fitness Center (as defined in the Governor's*

1 Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01) at any one time to 25% of that Fitness Center's
2 Maximum Occupancy and allow Fitness Centers to operate with the capacity limits set
3 forth in the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01; and be it further

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