

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 27

Resolution No. 38-20

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Haire, and Mr. Volke

By the County Council, September 21, 2020

1 RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to lift certain indoor restrictions imposed
2 on restaurants and bars in Anne Arundel County

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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, on June 12, 2020, the County Executive announced that Anne Arundel
24 County would continue to Stage Two on the 'Maryland Strong: Roadmap to
25 Recovery'; and

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27 WHEREAS, also on June 12, 2020, the State of Maryland began allowing food
28 service establishments to serve food and beverages to customers for consumption
29 in indoor seating areas at 50% capacity during regular business hours, but not in a
30 buffet format or to customers who are not seated; and

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32 WHEREAS, on July 24, 2020, the County Executive issued Executive Order No.
33 27 that, among other things, requires restaurants, bars, and other similar
34 establishments that sell food and alcoholic beverages, or alcoholic beverages only,
35 for consumption on-premises in indoor dining facilities to cease all indoor service
36 at 10:00 p.m. daily; and

1 WHEREAS, on September 3, 2020, the County Executive announced that Anne
2 Arundel County would continue at Stage Two on the 'Maryland Strong: Roadmap
3 to Recovery'; and

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5 WHEREAS, since reopening at reduced capacity, restaurants and bars have
6 successfully implemented health and safety protocols that have kept patrons and
7 staff safe and, if allowed, could safely continue operations beyond 10:00 p.m. using
8 the same protocols; and

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10 WHEREAS, the current ~~curfew~~ restriction imposed on restaurants and bars is
11 unduly burdensome and has created financial difficulties that compromise the
12 future of operations and these important County businesses; now, therefore, be it

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14 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
15 urges the County Executive to lift the operational restrictions imposed on restaurants, bars,
16 and other similar establishments by Executive Order No. 27 and allow these business to
17 operate past 10:00 p.m. daily with ~~their current~~ proper safety protocols in place; and be it
18 further

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

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: September 21, 2020

READ AND PASSED this 21st day of September, 2020.

By Order:



JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 38-20, AS AMENDED, IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND
DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Allison M. Pickard
Chair