

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 9

Resolution No. 8-23

Mr. Julian E. Jones, Jr., Chairman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council in support of an application to the State of Maryland for the redesignation of the Southwest Enterprise Zone.

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has designated in Title 5, Subtitle 7 of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland a process for the designation of Enterprise Zones; and

WHEREAS, that process requires the consent of the Baltimore County Council; and

WHEREAS, in December, 1996, the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development approved Baltimore County's original request for designation of approximately 1800 acres in the southwestern part of Baltimore County as the Southwest Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, in December, 2003, the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development approved Baltimore County's request for designation of a revised, 1,841 acre Southwest Enterprise Zone area; and

WHEREAS, in March, 2013, the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development approved Baltimore County's request for designation of a revised, 1,600 acre Southwest Enterprise Zone area; and

WHEREAS, designation of this area as an Enterprise Zone has resulted in increased business investment and the addition of new jobs in southwestern Baltimore County; and

WHEREAS, the condition of some existing buildings in the southwest area is still below

standard for occupancy by Class “A” office, flex, and industrial tenants; and

WHEREAS, the redesignation of this area as an Enterprise Zone would allow property owners and businesses currently located, or considering a location, there to qualify for tax credits, making the area more competitive with similar areas in the region; and

WHEREAS the Department of Economic and Workforce Development considers enterprise zone designation a critical tool in the effort to retain and attract business, create jobs and redevelop underutilized property in western Baltimore County, and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Enterprise Zone designation approved in 2013 will expire in December, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore County is supportive of the application to redesignate the Southwest Enterprise Zone, thereby making qualified businesses located in the zone eligible for certain tax credits; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND that the County Council supports the application for the redesignation of a Southwest Enterprise Zone, as depicted on the map attached hereto; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Baltimore County, Maryland that businesses deemed as retail, restaurants or bars are not eligible for the use of Enterprise Zone incentives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Commerce; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.



LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION _____

DISPOSITION _____

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