

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Resolution No. 7-22

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

By the County Council, January 18, 2022

A RESOLUTION of the County Council approving the continuation of a State of Emergency declared by the County Executive on December 27, 2021 (Executive Order No. 2021-028).

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management for Baltimore County and the local Health Officer have determined that COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and a public safety emergency; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by the Governor of the State of Maryland on March 5, 2020 and then later rescinded; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of a State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by the County Executive on March 13, 2020 (Executive Order 2020-002) which expired on July 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of a State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by the County Executive on August 23, 2021 (Executive Order 2021-022) which expired on November 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the President of the United States have declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern that poses an immediate danger to public safety; and

WHEREAS, a public health crisis remains within the jurisdiction of Baltimore County, and there continues to be significant community transmission of the COVID-19 virus (and its variants); and

WHEREAS, community transmission of the COVID-19 virus (and its variants) within Baltimore County has significantly increased since November 3, 2021 and continues to threaten the lives, health and safety of the citizens of Baltimore County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health catastrophe and public safety emergency continues, threatening lives, health and property in Baltimore County, requiring Baltimore County to call all of its resources into limited or long term activation; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2021, in accordance with the authority granted by the Charter and Laws of Baltimore County, Maryland, including § 3-1-503 of the Baltimore County Code (2015), and in accordance with any and all authority vested in the County Executive by the Maryland Constitution and the Laws of Maryland, including §14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the County Executive of Baltimore County, Maryland declared that a State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency exists in Baltimore County, Maryland (Executive Order No. 2021-028); and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2022, the County Council approved Resolution 1-22 authorizing the continuation of the State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency (Executive Order No. 2021-028) through February 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that the state of emergency will continue beyond February 7, 2022, and in accordance with the authority granted by Section 208(e) of the Baltimore County Charter, the County Council has been called into session on or before February 7, 2022 to consider this resolution consenting to the continuation of the state of emergency, as required by §14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and § 3-1-503(d) of the Baltimore County Code (2015); now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the State of Emergency declared by the County Executive shall continue for thirty (30) days from February 7, 2022, which will end on March 9, 2022, or until the County Executive declares the end of the State of Emergency, whichever occurs first; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be promptly filed with the chief local records-keeping agency; and be it further

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