

Expedited Bill No. 20-22
Concerning: Office of Food Systems
Resilience - Established
Revised: 6/16/2022 Draft No. 1
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) establish an Office of Food Systems Resilience as a non-principal office of the Executive Branch;
- (2) prescribe the authorities and responsibilities of the Office of Food Systems Resilience; and
- (3) generally amend the law regarding offices of the Executive Branch.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 1A, Structure of County Government
Section 1A-203

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Section 2-64Q

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Heading or defined term.

Added to existing law by original bill.

Deleted from existing law by original bill.

Added by amendment.

Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.

Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 1A-203 is amended, and Section 2-64Q is added, as follows:**

2 **1A-203. Establishing other offices.**

3 (a) *Executive Branch.* These are the offices of the Executive Branch that are
4 not part of a department or principal office:

5 Office of Agriculture (section 2B-1A)

6 Office of Animal Services (section 2-58C)

7 Office of the Commission for Women (section 27-28, et seq.)

8 Office of Community Use of Public Facilities (section 2-64M)

9 Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (section 2-
10 64O)

11 Office of Grants Management (section 2-64P)

12 Office of Food Systems Resilience (section 2-64Q)

13 Office of Human Rights (section 27-4)

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15 DIVISION 23. OFFICE OF FOOD SYSTEMS RESILIENCE.

16 **2-64Q. Office of Food Systems Resilience - Functions.**

17 The Office of Food Systems Resilience must:

18 (a) in coordination with the Maryland Food Council, serve as a liaison
19 between government and food systems stakeholders, including residents,
20 businesses, farms, food assistance providers, charities, and educational
21 institutions;

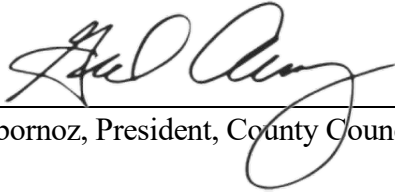
- 22 (b) in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection, the
23 Office of Agriculture, the Department of Planning, the Department of
24 Health and Human Services, and the Office of Community Partnerships,
25 serve as a central liaison and coordinator for County government food
26 systems initiatives and projects;
- 27 (c) develop and maintain a strategy for improving the efficiency, equity,
28 sustainability, and resilience of the food systems in Montgomery County;
- 29 (d) advise the County Executive and County Council on food systems related
30 policy issues, as well as deliver a report on the state of the local food
31 systems with recommended policy, budgetary, and regulatory changes to
32 the County Executive and County Council no less than annually;
- 33 (e) develop and maintain a system to collect and process local food systems
34 data to support accurate and timely monitoring of the state of the local
35 food systems, and analyze such data to support decision making and
36 strategic planning;
- 37 (f) in coordination with the Office of Grants Management and the Office of
38 Procurement, set policies and procedures for grants impacting the local
39 food systems that are consistent with the aforementioned food systems
40 strategy and work to leverage County resources to pursue state, federal,
41 and private sector resources to support local food system initiatives;
- 42 (g) in coordination with the Office of Emergency Management and
43 Homeland Security, the Department of Health and Human Services, and
44 local food assistance providers, support disaster response feeding
45 planning and operations;

46 (h) in coordination with the Office of Racial Equity, work to address racial
47 inequities and develop practices to ensure social justice and address
48 disparities in the local food systems; and

49 (i) represent the interests of Montgomery County in regional, national, and
50 international food systems coordination efforts.

51 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.** The Council declares that this legislation
52 is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect
53 on the date on which it becomes law.

Approved:



7/13/2022

Gabriel Albornoz, President, County Council

Date

Approved:

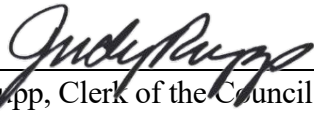


7/25/2022

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



7/25/2022

Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council

Date