

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS APRIL 18, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-08

**RESOLUTION OF
THE COUNTY COUNCIL
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**Re: Support for the Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment
District Re-Designation**

Recitals

The County Council of Frederick County, Maryland ("Council") recognizes the economic impact of the arts statewide, in Frederick County and in Frederick city; and

The arts are a defining feature of Frederick County, creating a better place to live and work, and often are an important factor used by businesses in their location decision; and

Downtown Frederick is the center of culture and commerce for the Frederick city, with several existing art venues, including studios, theaters, galleries, restaurants with entertainment, festivals, and artists residences; and

The arts are an effective tool for downtown reinvestment and revitalization by encouraging building rehabilitation and an active downtown after business hours; and

The city and the County will continue to benefit from expanded economic vitality, and expanded property tax base, increased consumer spending, as well as artistic and cultural enrichment; and

Upon an application by the Downtown Frederick Partnership in collaboration with the Frederick Arts Council, the Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment District was originally designated by the State of Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development in 2003; and

The Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment District was re-designated by the State of Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development in 2013; and

The Downtown Frederick Partnership together with the Frederick Arts Council will be submitting an application to re-designate the Arts and Entertainment District for a period of ten years; and

The Council wishes to offer its support for the re-designation application of the Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Frederick County, Maryland, that the Council endorses the Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment District Re-Designation application to the Maryland State Arts Council; and

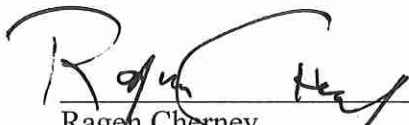
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the application is approved and the State re-designates the Downtown Frederick Arts and Entertainment district, the Council agrees to consider amending the Arts and Entertainment Property Tax Credit; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council acknowledges the Income Tax Subtraction Modification for certified artistic products which are produced and sold in the District.

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Resolution was approved and adopted on the 18th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:


COUNTY COUNCIL OF
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND


Ragen Cherney
Council Chief of Staff

By: 
Brad W. Young, President

Received by the County Executive: 4/25/2023

County Executive Action: ☒ Approve ☐ Veto ☐ No Action


Jessica Fitzwater, County Executive
Frederick County, Maryland

4/25/23
Date