

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2021-07**

BILL NO. 2021-04

Title of Bill: Lease and Purchase – Vehicles and Equipment

Synopsis: A Bill authorizing and empowering Cecil County, Maryland to enter into new financing under a lease purchase agreement or similar arrangement in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for Fiscal Year 2022 for the purpose of financing the acquisition of certain necessary and essential vehicles and equipment for use in the County’s governmental programs; providing that the obligations of the County under the agreement shall not be a general obligation of the County, shall not constitute a pledge of the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the County and shall not constitute a debt of the County within the meaning of any statutory or constitutional provision, but shall be subject to appropriation in each and every fiscal year during the term of the agreement; empowering the County Executive to execute and deliver an executive order prior to the execution and delivery of the agreement in order to award the agreement to the successful bidder and to fix, prescribe and determine the details of such financing; and relating generally to such financing.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: April 6, 2021

Public hearing scheduled on: May 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Elkton High School
110 James Street, Elkton MD

Consideration scheduled on: May 4, 2021

By: _____
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by (date) at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on (date) a public hearing was held on (date) and concluded on (date).

By: _____
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1 **WHEREAS**, the County is authorized by the laws of the State of Maryland to purchase, acquire and
2 lease personal property required for public purposes in the County; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Section 515(d) of the Cecil County Charter provides that the Council shall authorize by
4 law any contract, lease or other obligation in excess of \$20,000 that requires the payment of funds from
5 the appropriation of a later fiscal year; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Council wishes to authorize the financing of the acquisition of certain necessary
7 and essential vehicles and equipment for use in the County’s governmental programs pursuant to a lease
8 purchase agreement or similar arrangement in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$ 2,000,000,
9 all as more particularly described herein.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
11 **MARYLAND**, as follows:

12 Section 1. Cecil County, Maryland (the “County”) is hereby authorized for Fiscal Year 2022 to enter
13 into new financing under a lease purchase agreement or similar arrangement (the “Lease”) to finance the
14 acquisition of certain necessary and essential vehicles, machinery, and equipment included in the
15 County’s approved Operating Budget for use in the County’s governmental programs (the “Equipment”) in
16 an amount not to exceed, in the aggregate, Two Million Dollars (\$ 2,000,000).

17 Section 2. The Lease (i) is not a general obligation of the County, (ii) does not constitute a pledge
18 of the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the County, and (iii) does not constitute a debt of the
19 County within the meaning of any statutory or constitutional provision. The County’s obligations under
20 the Lease shall be subject to appropriation in each and every fiscal year during the term of the Lease.

21 Section 3. The County Executive is authorized to solicit proposals for the Lease from one or more
22 financial institutions. In connection therewith, the County Executive, the Director of Administration and
23 the Director of Finance are authorized to: (i) prepare a request for proposals or similar document with the
24 assistance of the County’s financial advisor, (ii) solicit proposals from banks or other financial institutions,
25 (iii) make all necessary arrangements for the tabulation and comparison of the proposals received, and
26 (iv) negotiate the terms of the Lease with one or more of the financial institutions submitting proposals.

27 Section 4. Prior to the execution and delivery of the Lease, the County Executive shall execute and
28 deliver an executive order to (i) award the Lease to the financial institution submitting the proposal that is
29 in the best interests of the County, as determined by the County Executive with the assistance of the

30 County’s financial advisor and (ii) fix, prescribe, determine, and approve all matters, details, forms, and
31 documents pertaining to the Lease and the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby and
32 thereby, subject in all respects to the provisions hereof.

33 Section 5. The Lease shall be executed in the name of the County and on its behalf by the County
34 Executive. The County Executive, the Director of Administration and the Director of Finance are each
35 hereby authorized to execute and deliver in connection with the Lease, such additional certificates and
36 documents relating to the Lease as are deemed necessary or desirable by any of them for the acquisition
37 and financing of the Equipment and to effect the execution and delivery of the Lease.

38 Section 6. The authority to conferred by this Act shall be deemed to provide additional,
39 alternative and supplemental authority and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers
40 conferred upon the County by other laws and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any power now
41 existing; and all previously enacted laws are hereby continued to the extent that the power contained in
42 them is continuing or has not been exercised, unless any law is expressly repealed by this Act. This Act,
43 being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of Cecil County, shall be liberally construed to affect its
44 purposes.

45 Section 7. The provisions of this Act are severable, and if any provision, sentence, clause, section
46 or part hereof is held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or
47 circumstances, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair
48 any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Act or their application to
49 other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Act would have
50 been passed if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not
51 been included herein, and if the person or circumstances to which this Act or any part hereof are
52 inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

53 **AND IT IS FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that this
54 Bill shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date that it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY Council Manager