

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY  
RESOLUTION 2026-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY IN  
SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE  
COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES**

Introduced by: The Cottage City Commission

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Cottage City provides essential frontline services to its residents, including law enforcement, leaf removal, street cleaning, street maintenance and lighting, shuttle van and bus transportation, certain social and recreational services, community amenities, and other municipal services, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, Maryland’s municipalities are a primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of The Town of Cottage City -

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of Cottage City formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
  1. **The Senator representing District 47 – Senator Malcolm Augustine**
  2. **Each Delegate representing District 47 – Delegate Diana Fennell  
Delegate Julien Ivey**
  3. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2026, by The Cottage City Commission of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland.

ATTEST: TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND

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John Hoatson, Town Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wanda Wheatley, Ward 3, Commissioner Chair

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, as the duly appointed Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on the 11th day of March 2026 with \_\_\_ Aye votes and \_\_\_ Nay votes, the aforesaid Resolution 2026-07 passed.

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John Hoatson, Town Manager