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**TO:** Town Council

**FROM:** Clayton A. Anderson, Town Manager  
Telaya Bush, Deputy Town Manager

**DATE:** February 10, 2026

**SUBJECT:** PGCMA Payment of Dues 2026

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## **Topic**

In FY 2025, the Council elected not to pay the Town's annual dues to the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) due to internal operational concerns at PGCMA. Since then, PGCMA has undergone leadership changes, including a new Executive Committee and a majority turnover among At-Large Board members.

Attached for the Council's review is information regarding PGCMA, including its mission statement, an overview of services provided to municipalities, the organization's 2026 legislative priorities, and a copy of the dues invoice. The current cost for the Town's annual dues is \$203.09, reflecting an increase of \$0.40 from the previous year.

There are 27 municipalities in Prince George's County. Of those, 25 have paid their annual dues. While all municipalities are part of PGCMA, municipalities that have not paid their dues do not have voting rights.

# About PGCMA



Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) is an association of Prince George's County elected and appointed municipal leaders working together to benefit the residents of our 27 municipalities, Prince George's County, and the State of Maryland.

PGCMA is one of nine regional chapters of the **Maryland Municipal League**, created for the purpose of facilitating communication and cooperation within the League and between municipalities and other levels of state and local government. Chapters are governed by bylaws approved and recognized by the Board of Directors. Chapter membership is open to all League member municipalities within the chapter area.

Our mission is to bring Prince George's County elected and appointed municipal leaders together to jointly work on issues and programs that will benefit our municipalities and residents, Prince George's County, and the State of Maryland.

***Legislative Action:***

PGCMA identifies issues of concern to member municipalities and formulates county and/or state legislation to address those issues. It also promotes legislative goals and coordinates the lobbying efforts to achieve those goals.

***Interaction With Legislators:***

PGCMA interacts with county and state legislators by means of personal contact, an annual legislative dinner, and frequent visits to Annapolis and Upper Marlboro.

***Membership Development:***

PGCMA, with cooperation of the MML, provides training opportunities for newly elected officials.

***Public Relations/Promotions:***

PGCMA develops and implements membership strategies aimed at increasing participation at monthly meetings, chapter sponsored events and recommends public relations initiatives.

***Diversity:***

PGCMA develops strategies for promoting diversity within PGCMA, among the member municipalities, and within the Maryland Municipal League (MML).

***Education:***

PGCMA monitors education issues in Prince George's County.

# 2026 Legislative Priorities





# 2026 Legislative Priorities Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA)



Economic  
Development  
& Zoning



Revenue &  
Municipal  
Fiscal Health



Infrastructure  
&  
Transportation



Social &  
Community  
Services



The  
Environment  
& Climate  
Resiliency

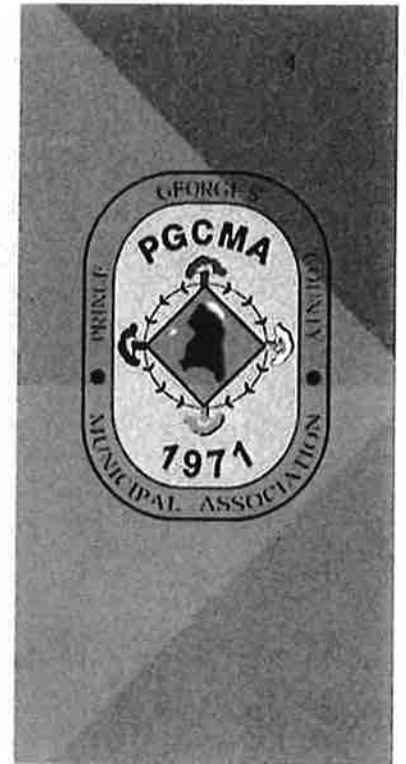
## 1. Economic Development & Zoning

### Municipal Authority In Land-Use Decisions

- Strengthen municipal voice in zoning decisions
- Require municipal recommendations to be binding or overridden only with written findings
- Align decisions with Master & Sector Plans and Plan 2035
- Ensure development reflects community character

### Housing Affordability & Preservation

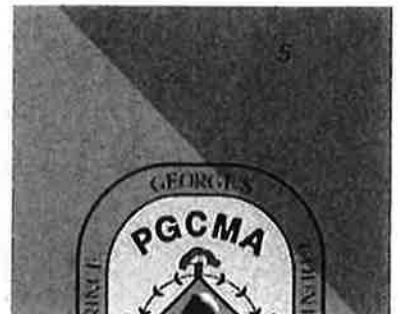
- Expand County affordability tools
- Fund municipal-scale housing projects
- Preserve naturally occurring affordable housing
- Support missing-middle & ADU implementation
- Promote equitable, transit-accessible housing options



## 2. Revenue & Municipal Fiscal Health

### Modernizing the Tax Differential ⓘem

- Update formulas to reflect full municipal service delivery



- Prevent double taxation for residents
- Ensure transparent, regularly updated methodology
- Change review cycle from annual → triennial
- Replace two "unincorporated area" seats with two municipal managers/administrators



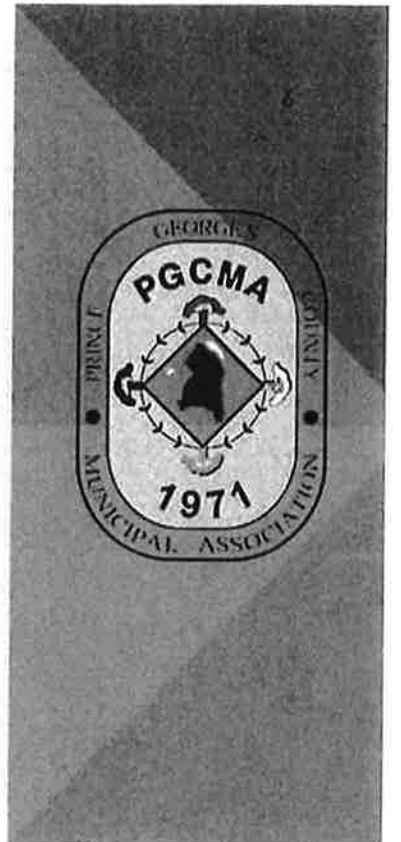
### 3. Infrastructure & Transportation

#### Road Maintenance & Lighting

- Adopt clear service standards across SHA, County & municipalities
- Improve coordination on resurfacing, pothole repair & lighting upgrades
- Provide shared tracking systems for timely responses
- Ensure safe, well-lit neighborhoods

#### First/Last Mile Connectivity

- Create a municipal partnership program for:
- Sidewalks, safe crossings, bridges
  - Protected bike lanes & trail links
  - Improve safety, mobility, equity & economic development near Purple Line stations



### 4. Social & Community Services

#### Municipal Mental Health Initiatives

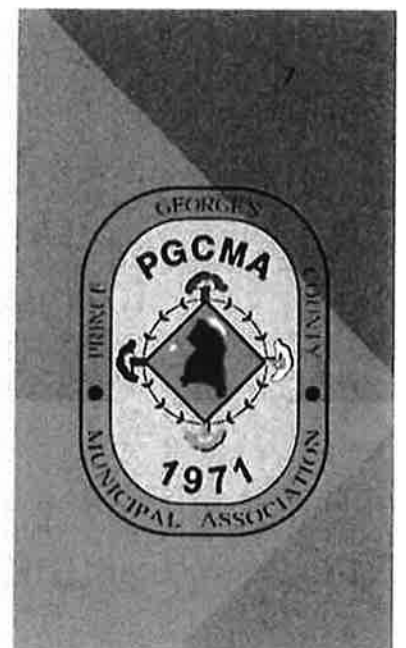
- Establish dedicated funding streams for municipal programs
- Support youth engagement & crisis-response partnerships
- Expand neighborhood-based mental-health outreach
- They strengthen community

#### Protection of Immigrant Residents

- Guarantee access to State/County services regardless of immigration status
- Strengthen County/State language-access requirements
- Limit local resources used for civil federal immigration enforcement. End the use of 287(g) agreements.

#### Just-Cause Eviction Protections

- Require legitimate reasons for non-renewal



resilience and reduce public-safety strain

- Ensure adequate notice and ban retaliatory evictions
- It supports housing stability, school continuity & economic mobility



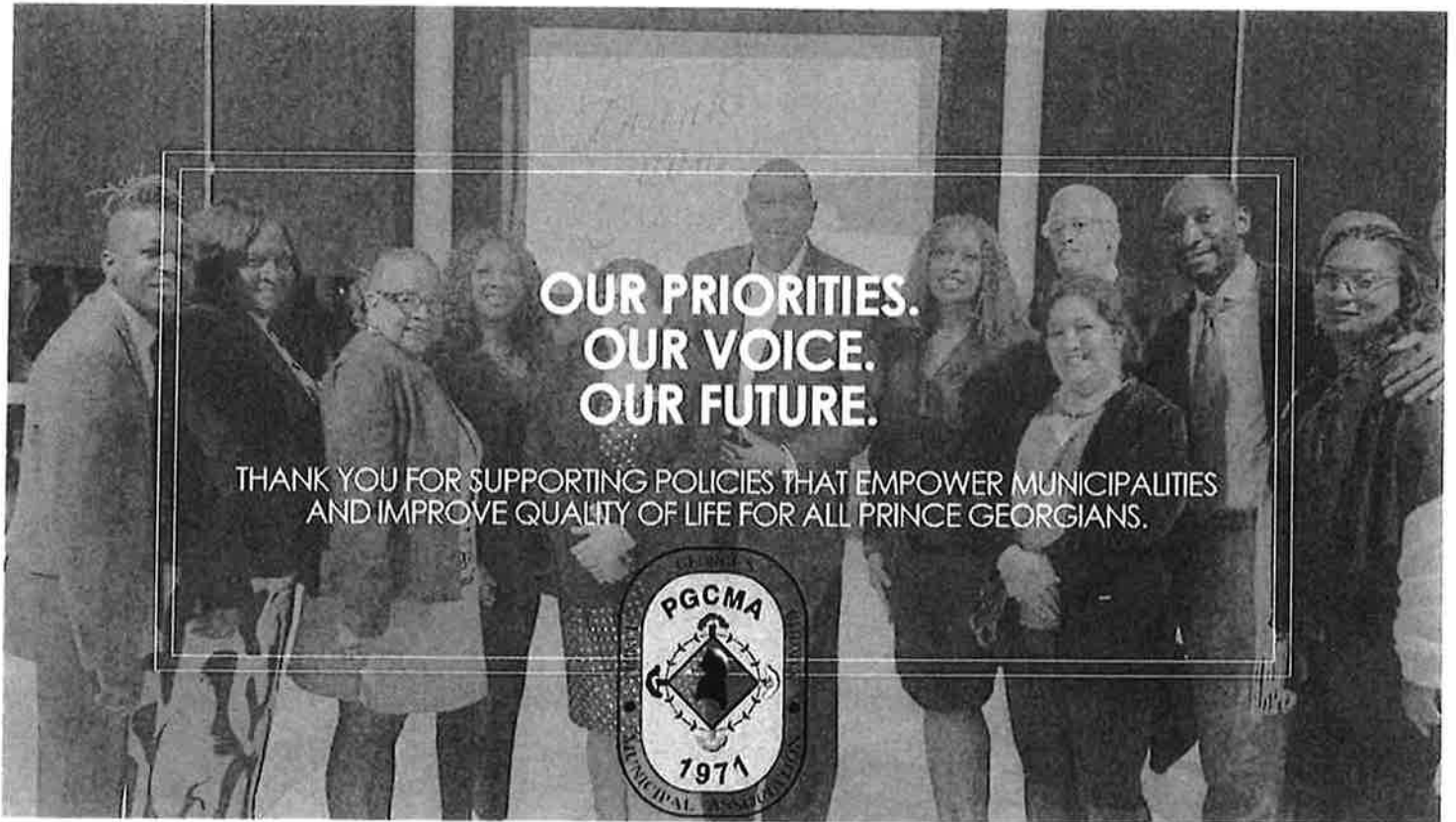
## 5. The Environment & Climate Resiliency

### Bottle Bill

- Implement modern beverage-container deposit program
- Reduce litter & increase recycling rates
- Include municipal grants for cleanup, education & compliance support

### Flood Prevention & Stormwater Management

- Increase County/State funding for municipal-scale projects
- Support green infrastructure and drainage system upgrades
- Align with climate goals & MS4 requirements
- Address frequent flooding impacts in municipal neighborhoods





October 30, 2025

Town of Upper Marlboro

67 Baltimore Ave.

University Park, MD 20782

Dear Town of Upper Marlboro, ,

On behalf of the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA), thank you for your continued commitment to collaboration, advocacy, and support for municipal officials throughout Prince George's County.

Enclosed, please find Invoice #2627 for Fiscal Year 2026 PGCMA Membership Dues. Payments are due by Wednesday November 26, 2025.

As approved by the PGCMA on October 16, 2025, membership dues are now calculated based on the following structure:

Base Fee (\$150) + Municipality Population (752) × Per Capita Rate (\$0.0706).

FY25 vs. FY26 Comparative Dues

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2026</b>
FY 25 Dues (Previous Due Amount)	\$202,69
FY26 Dues (New Dues Amount)	\$203.09
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>\$0.40</b>

Best Regards,  
Gyasi Gomez, PGCMA Treasurer



**Prince George's County Municipal Association**  
*An Association of 27 Municipalities*



# Prince George's Municipal Association

PO Box 4726  
 Capitol Heights, MD 20791-4726

## Invoice #2627

**Submitted on 10/29/2025**  
**Invoice Due on 11/26/2025**

**Invoice for**

Town of Upper Marlboro  
 14211 School Lane  
 Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Payment Due Upon Receipt. Send Checks to PO Box.  
**Payable to Prince George's County Municipal Association.**  
 Questions, please contact Treasurer, Gyasi Gomez,  
[treasurer@thepgcma.com](mailto:treasurer@thepgcma.com)

Description	Qty	Unit price	Total price
Dues - July 2025 - June 2026	1	\$203.09	\$203.09
			\$0.00

Notes:

Subtotal **\$203.09**  
 Adjustments **\$0.00**

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