

**Resolution No. R-03-2026**

A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington in Support of House Bill (HB) 1142, to Establish a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures to study and evaluate the revenue structure of County and Municipal governments within the State; and require the Task Force to submit a report of its finding and recommendation to the Governor and certain Committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kensington provides essential frontline services to its residents, including Code Enforcement, Parks, Public Works, and Stormwater Management, 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 the 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 Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington, Maryland, the following:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of Kensington 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 18**

- Jeff Waldstreicher

1. **Each Delegate representing District 18**

- Aaron Kaufman
- Emily Shetty
- Jared Solomon

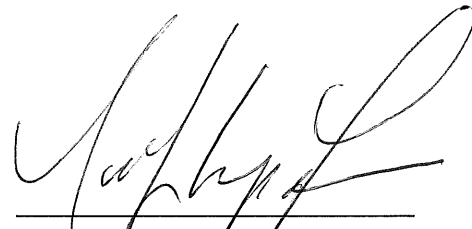
3. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

**Adopted** by the Town Council this 18th day of March, 2026.

**Effective** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

**ATTEST: TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND**

By:   
Susan C. Engels, Clerk – Treasurer

  
Tracey C. Furman, Mayor