

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 157 - 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Chris Rhodes – Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Chris Rhodes to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

Introduced and read first time on Sep 8, 2026.

By order



Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Sep 22, 2026.

By order



Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ✓, Adopted with amendments 0, Failed 0, Withdrawn 0 by the County Council on Oct 5, 2026.

Certified by



Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

WHEREAS, Sections 6.314 and 15.503 of the Howard County Code provide for an Agricultural Preservation Board in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the reappointment of Chris Rhodes as a member of the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board; and

WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this 5 day of October, 2026 that the following person is reappointed as a member of the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 5, 2029 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Chris Rhodes
Ellicott City, Maryland

SUMMARY

Experienced business owner and community-minded entrepreneur with extensive experience operating and managing Frank's Produce & Greenhouse, a local agricultural business specializing in fresh produce, greenhouse plants, seasonal products, and customer service. Skilled in business operations, agricultural production, employee management, purchasing, sales, marketing, financial oversight, and building strong relationships with customers and the local community.

EDUCATION

[REDACTED SCHOOL / PROGRAM]

[REDACTED DEGREE, CERTIFICATION, OR TRAINING] [REDACTED YEAR]

EXPERIENCE

OWNER & OPERATOR [2019–PRESENT] *Frank's Produce & Greenhouse [Elkridge, MD]*

Successfully operates Frank's Produce & Greenhouse, overseeing all aspects of day-to-day business operations.

- Manage seasonal production, greenhouse operations, fresh produce sales, inventory, purchasing, and customer service.
- Coordinate planting, growing, harvesting, preparation, and sale of agricultural products.
- Develop relationships with local customers, suppliers, vendors, farmers, and community organizations.
- Manage employees and seasonal staff, including scheduling, training, and daily assignments.
- Oversee business finances, budgeting, purchasing, pricing, and expense management.
- Develop marketing and promotional strategies to increase customer awareness and sales.
- Maintain a strong focus on product quality, customer satisfaction, and community relationships.
- Coordinate seasonal business activities and adjust operations based on customer demand and growing conditions.
- Maintain equipment, facilities, greenhouses, and other business resources.

MANAGER [2011-2019] *Frank's Produce & Greenhouse [Elkridge, MD.]*

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Agricultural Business Management

Greenhouse Operations

Produce Production & Sales

Small Business Ownership

Employee & Seasonal Staff Management
Customer Service
Inventory Management
Purchasing & Vendor Relations
Budgeting & Financial Management
Marketing & Promotions
Community Relations
Seasonal Planning
Problem Solving
Agricultural Operations

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Local Agriculture & Community Support

- Supports local agricultural organizations and youth programs. - Builds relationships with local families, businesses, farmers, and community organizations. - Provides products and services that support the surrounding agricultural community. - Participates in community initiatives and local events.
- [REDACTED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, & SPONSORSHIPS]

REFERENCES

Available upon request