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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2004 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 14

**BILL NO. 74 - 2004**

Introduced by:  
Guy Guzzone, Chairman

Co-Sponsored by Councilmen:  
Christopher Merdon, David Rakes, & Ken Ulman,

**AN ACT** amending the Howard County Code to prohibit the use of the County Seal for unauthorized uses.

Introduced and read first time Nov. 1, 2004. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Having been posted & notice of time & place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on Nov 15, 2004 and concluded on Nov 15, 2004.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill was read the third time Dec. 6, 2004 and Passed  Passed with amendments  Failed

By order Sheila M. Tolliver  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 2004 at 1:00 a.m. (p.m.)

By order Sheila M. Tolliver  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Approved/~~voiced~~ by the County Executive on Dec 8, 2004.

James N. Robey  
James N. Robey, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TERT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law. Strikeout indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 *Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that Section*  
2 *22.101 "County Seal.", of Subtitle 1 "County Flag and County Seal.", of Title 22 "General*  
3 *Provisions, Penalties and Rules of Interpretation" of the Howard County Code is hereby*  
4 *amended to read as follows:*

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7 **Title 22. General Provisions, Penalties and Rules of Interpretation**

8 **Subtitle 1. County Flag and County Seal**

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10 **Section 22.101. County Seal.**

11 (a) *Origin.* The seal of Howard County, Maryland, shall be a copy of the seal  
12 designed by Edward Stabler for the Howard District of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and  
13 dated 1840.

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15 (b) *Design.* The seal, based on the Stabler design, is a shock of wheat, centrally  
16 dominant, with a hand plow to the left and a pike harrow to the right. All three (3) are  
17 centered in a plowed field with tobacco plants growing in the foreground. Trees and rolling  
18 hills form the background. A cloudless sky forms the upper third of the design.

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20 (c) *Color rendering.* When rendered in color, the design colors shall be: The sky--  
21 Prussian blue-med.; the wheat--Yellow ochre; the hills--Graduated shades of terraverte; the  
22 tobacco plant in the foreground--Chrome-green-med.; the trees--A dark shade of chrome  
23 green; the soil--Burnt umber-med.; the spike harrow and the plow blade--Ivory black diluted  
24 to gray; and the plow handles--Burnt sienna-med.

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26 (d) *Displaying.* The county seal shall be displayed on the wall of the county council  
27 hearing room, Ellicott City, Maryland. The seal may be displayed in other county buildings.

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29 (e) *Attesting.* The duly elected county executive of Howard County, the duly  
30 appointed secretary to the county council of Howard County, and the duly appointed county  
31 administrator of Howard County shall attest to the county seal.

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1 (F) USE. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO MAKE OR USE  
2 THE SEAL, OR REPRODUCTION THEREOF, FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN FOR  
3 THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, UNLESS EXPRESSLY  
4 APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. THE SEAL,  
5 OR ANY REPRESENTATION OR NEAR REPRESENTATION, SHALL NOT BE USED  
6 FOR:

7 (I) ANY POLITICAL PURPOSE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO  
8 MAILERS OR HANDOUTS; OR

9 (II) ANY PURPOSE WHICH WOULD MISLEAD THE PUBLIC INTO  
10 BELIEVING THEY ARE DEALING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF  
11 HOWARD COUNTY.  
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13 (G) PENALTIES. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF  
14 SECTION 22.101(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A  
15 MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE  
16 NOT EXCEEDING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FOR EACH  
17 OCCURRENCE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5  
18 MONTHS. ALTERNATIVELY, IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT  
19 WITH ALL OTHER REMEDIES AT LAW OR EQUITY THE CHIEF  
20 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND HOWARD COUNTY MAY ENFORCE  
21 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 22.101(F) WITH CIVIL PENALTIES  
22 PURSUANT TO TITLE 21 "CIVIL PENALTIES" OF THE HOWARD  
23 COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS B  
24 OFFENSE.  
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26 *Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*  
27 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*  
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BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on December 8, 2004.

Sheila M. Tolliver  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council