

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Amendment 3
Council Resolution No. 89-2020

Amendment Proposed by: Deb Jung

Introduced: June 1, 2020

Auditor: Maya Cameron

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the County as a result of this proposed amendment.

Purpose:

The purpose of this amendment is to include language regarding the required public engagement activities in order to adopt HoCo By Design General Plan Guidelines (Guidelines) to only begin after in-person participation is possible. This takes the effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic into consideration.

Other Comments:

This amendment proposes to add the following language to Council Resolution 89-2020: “AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that, notwithstanding anything in the guidelines to the contrary, in order to ensure that maximum citizen participation is achieved during the adoption of HoCo by Design in the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic, including in-person interaction, which is crucial in any General Planning effort, the Department of Planning and Zoning and its consultant, City Explained, shall begin its public engagement activities, including but not limited to public workshops, briefings, and hearings, in 2021, at such time that the public can gather safely in person for full participation.”