

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 7

## Resolution No. 74 -2021

**Introduced by:** Liz Walsh

**Co-sponsored by:** Deb Jung and Christiana Rigby

A **RESOLUTION** increasing the fees charged by the Department of Planning and Zoning for Zoning Regulation Amendment petitions; and generally relating to fees.

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Introduced and read first time May 3, 2021.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 17, 2021.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted\_\_\_, Adopted with amendments\_\_\_, Failed\_\_\_, Withdrawn , by the County Council on June 7, 2021.

Certified By

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

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

1           **WHEREAS**, various sections of Title 16 of the Howard County Code authorize the  
2 County Council to establish a variety of fees in relation to planning and zoning functions of the  
3 County; and

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5           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Title 16, Subtitle 2 of the Howard County Code, the County  
6 Council acts as the Howard County Zoning Board and in their capacity as the Zoning Board, the  
7 Council hears and considers zoning map amendments and zoning regulation text amendments;  
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10           **WHEREAS**, Section 16.205(c) of the Howard County Code provides that any person  
11 may petition the County Council for approval of a zoning regulation text amendment, upon  
12 payment of the proper fee; and

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14           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 16.212 of the Howard County Code, the County  
15 Council shall establish a fee schedule for zoning regulation text amendments petitions and the  
16 amount of the fees shall be sufficient to cover the costs of handling these petitions; and

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18           **WHEREAS**, the current cost to file a zoning regulation text amendment petition is \$695  
19 per amendment and the Department of Planning and Zoning has recently estimated that the cost  
20 to the County from the time of petition submittal to final Planning Board recommendations to be  
21 approximately \$2,500.

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23           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
24 Maryland this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 that it adopts a new fee schedule for zoning  
25 regulation text amendment petitions attached to this Resolution; and

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27           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the attached fee schedule for zoning regulation text  
28 amendment petitions shall be effective July 1, 2021 and shall remain in effect until changed or  
29 repealed by subsequent Resolution of the County Council.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING  
FEE SCHEDULE  
Effective July 1, 2021**

**ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS (ZRAs)**  
\$[[695\*]] 2,500 Per amendment