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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

### Bill No. 29 -2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Emergency Appropriation – the Department of Public Works, the Department of General Services, the Department of Corrections and NonDepartmental expenses

Title: AN ACT making emergency appropriations pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter and amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 in order to provide additional spending authority to the Department of Public Works, the Department of General Services, the Department of Corrections and NonDepartmental expenses for unanticipated expenses related to snow removal, for overtime costs incurred by the Department of Corrections, and for SDAT billing; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2026. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Calvin Ball, County Executive

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**, Council Bill No. 36-2025 (CB36) is the Annual Budget and Appropriation  
2 Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) and contains the capital and operating  
3 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, costs for snow removal exceed the amount appropriated in the General Fund,  
6 Contingency Reserve, the Department of Public Works and the Department of General Services,  
7 and; and  
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9           **WHEREAS**, while the total deficit for snow removal is \$1,083,715, savings in other areas  
10 has offset about \$20,086 of the deficit; and  
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12           **WHEREAS**, accordingly approximately \$1,863,629 is needed to fully cover the County’s  
13 snow removal costs; and  
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15           **WHEREAS**, a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance is currently pending to transfer  
16 \$1,000,000 of the \$1,863,629 from the Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works  
17 but more funding is needed in the amount of \$863,629; and  
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19           **WHEREAS**, overtime costs in the Department of Corrections have exceeded the amount  
20 appropriated in CB36 by approximately \$600,000; and  
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22           **WHEREAS**, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation has corrected a billing  
23 error and the County’s costs have increased by \$236,371; and  
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25           **WHEREAS**, for all of these reasons, an additional \$1,700,000 is needed from available  
26 debt service in the FY26 budget; and  
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28           **WHEREAS**, there is \$1,700,000 in debt service available due to debt service savings; and  
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30           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter, this Emergency



