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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

**Bill No. 44 -2026**

**Introduced by: Liz Walsh**

**SHORT TITLE:** Board of Appeals – Administrative Agency Required to Appear

**TITLE:** AN ACT amending the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Appeals to require that a representative from the Administrative Agency appear before the Board of Appeals when named as a Party to certain Administrative Appeals; and generally relating to the Board of Appeals.

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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 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard  
2 County Code is amended as follows:

3 By adding:

4 Title 2- “Administrative Procedure”

5 Subtitle 2.- “Rules of Procedure of the Board of Appeals”

6 Section 2.208.- “Appearances before the Board of Appeals”

7 New Subsection (e). – “Administrative agency requirement  
8 to appear”  
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10 **Title 2 – Administrative Procedure**

11 **Subtitle 2.- Rules of Procedure of the Board of Appeals**

12 **Section 2.208. – Appearances before the Board of Appeals**

13 (d) *Who May Appear.* The following individuals may appear before the Board providing that the  
14 individual, partnership, corporation, trust, association, political subdivision, body or department  
15 they represent is a party to the proceedings before the Board:

16 (1) An individual may appear on his or her own behalf.

17 (2) A member of a partnership may represent the Partnership.

18 (3) A duly authorized representative of a corporation, trust, or association may represent  
19 the Corporation, Trust, or Association.

20 (4) A duly authorized representative or employee of a political subdivision, body, or  
21 Department may represent the political subdivision, body, or Department.  
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23 (E) *ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY REQUIREMENT TO APPEAR.* FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TO THE  
24 BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION [2.210](#), A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY  
25 NAMED AS A PARTY TO A CASE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD TO EXPLAIN  
26 THE AGENCY’S DECISION, AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD.  
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28 **Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that  
29 this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.  
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