

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Resolution No. 97-2026

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

Short Title: Fee-in-Lieu for Moderate Income Housing

Title: A RESOLUTION setting the fee-in-lieu rate for moderate income housing.

Introduced and read first time May 4, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 18, 2026.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 20, 2026.

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

WHEREAS, Section 13.402C of the Howard County Code authorizes a fee-in-lieu as an alternative to the provision of moderate income housing units in certain zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.402C(e)(2) of the Howard County Code requires that the fee-in-lieu for moderate income housing be set yearly by Council Resolution based upon the percentage increase in the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index (ENR) for the Baltimore Region as reported in the Engineering News Record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this 20 day of May, 2026 that it adopts the following rate for the fee-in-lieu for moderate income housing:

[[~~\$3.71~~]]\$3.77 per square foot of residential space for each unit in the development

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schedule of rates shall be effective on July 1, 2026 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by subsequent resolution of the County Council.