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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 20 -2017

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

AN ACT amending the qualifications of the Administrator of the Office of Transportation; amending the duties of the Office of Transportation; amending the general powers and duties of members of the Public Transportation Board; adding the Office of Transportation to agencies serving on the Subdivision Review Committee; and generally relating to the Office of Transportation.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2017. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, 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 _____, 2017.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2017 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments ____, Failed ____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2017 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2017

Allan H. Kittleman, 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
2 Howard County Code is amended as follows:

3 By amending:

- 4 1. Title 6 “County Executive and the Executive Branch”
5 Section 6.408 “Office of Transportation”
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- 7 2. Title 21 “Traffic Control and Transportation”
8 Section 21.502 “Public Transportation Board”
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- 10 3. Title 21 “Traffic Control and Transportation”
11 Section 21.503 “General powers and duties of the Public Transportation
12 Board”
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- 14 4. Title 16 “Planning, Zoning and Subdivisions and Land Development
15 Regulations”
16 Subsection (b)(47) of Section 16.108 “Rules of Construction; Definitions”
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18 **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

19 **Subtitle 4. Department of County Administration.**

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21 **Section 6.408. Office of Transportation.**

22 (a) *General Provisions.* General provisions applicable to this office are set forth in
23 subtitle 2, "Administrative Departments and Offices," of this title of the Howard County
24 Code.

25 (b) *Head.* The Administrator of the Office of Transportation shall head the Office of
26 Transportation under the general supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer.

27 (c) *Qualifications of the Administrator of the Office of Transportation.* The
28 Administrator of the Office of Transportation shall:

29 [(1) Have extensive knowledge of the principles and practices of the oversight
30 and operation of fixed-route and paratransit systems;

1 (2) Have experience in financing, budget development, and grants
2 management; and

3 (3) Have had, at the time of appointment, at least five years of increasingly
4 responsible executive experience in the management and oversight of transit services and
5 other related experience including transit planning.]]

6 (1) HAVE A STRONG KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOLLOWING TRANSPORTATION
7 ELEMENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

8 (I) PUBLIC TRANSIT;

9 (II) BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE;

10 (III) PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE;

11 (IV) VEHICULAR TRAFFIC NETWORKS; AND

12 (V) TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT.

13 (2) HAVE EXPERIENCE IN, OR UNDERSTANDING OF, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, AS
14 IT PERTAINS TO DEVELOPING AND MANAGING TRANSPORTATION BUDGETS; AND

15 (3) HAVE HAD, AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT, AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF
16 EXPERIENCE IN THE TRANSPORTATION FIELD, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS
17 RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

18 (d) *Duties and Responsibilities.* The Office of Transportation shall promote and
19 enhance the County's transportation [[and transit operations]] needs by performing the
20 following functions:

21 (1) Overseeing the [[acquisition]] PROVISION, management, FUNDING, and USE
22 OF OTHER RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR THE operation of the County's transit and
23 paratransit services;

24 (2) Coordinating and PLANNING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC NETWORKS; [[managing
25 the funding for the operation and management of the County's transit and paratransit
26 services;]]

27 (3) Developing and managing transportation alternatives AND STRATEGIES TO
28 REDUCE [[to]] single occupancy [[vehicles]] VEHICLE USE;

29 (4) Ensuring coordination of MOTOR VEHICLE, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle
30 modes OF TRANSPORTATION;

1 (5) Developing and instituting policies and procedures for transportation in
2 the County and region;

3 (6) Overseeing THE WORK OF, and providing TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
4 support for the Public Transportation Board;

5 (7) [[Coordinating]] WORKING IN CONJUNCTION with the Department of
6 Planning and Zoning AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS to ensure the integration
7 of land use [[and transit planning]] DECISIONS WITH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING THAT
8 TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION;

9 (8) Establishing and maintaining official and informal associations with
10 various federal, state, and local officials and professionals to facilitate and promote the
11 County's transportation goals and objectives; and

12 (9) Representing and providing advice to the County Executive on transit and
13 transportation issues.

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15 **Title 21. Traffic Control and Transportation.**

16 **Subtitle 5. Public Transportation.**

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18 **Section 21.502. Public Transportation Board.**

19 (a) *General Provisions.* General provisions applicable to the Public Transportation
20 Board are set forth in subtitle 3, "boards and commissions," of title 6, "County
21 Executive and the Executive Branch," of the Howard County Code.

22 (b) *Number of Members.* There is a Howard County Public Transportation Board. The
23 Howard County Public Transportation Board shall consist of seven members. Ex
24 officio members from State, regional, and County agencies may also be designated
25 by the County Executive, but not to exceed four in number.

26 (c) *Qualifications.* A MEMBER [[Members]] of the Board shall be:

27 (1) A RESIDENT [[Residents]] of Howard County; and

28 (2) Experienced or interested in AT LEAST ONE OF the FOLLOWING MODES [[area]] of
29 [[public]] transportation[.];

30 (i) PUBLIC TRANSIT;

- 1 (II) BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE;
- 2 (III) PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE;
- 3 (IV) VEHICULAR TRAFFIC NETWORKS; OR
- 4 (V) TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT.

5 (d) *Executive Secretary*. The ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE OF Transportation
6 [[Coordinator]] or the [[Coordinator's]] ADMINISTRATOR'S designee shall serve as
7 Executive Secretary to the Board and shall attend all meetings.

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9 **Section 21.503. General powers and duties of Public Transportation Board.**

10 The Howard County Public Transportation Board shall:

11 [[(a) Identify financial and other resources to support and expand existing public
12 transportation services and to initiate and assist in providing additional public
13 transportation for Howard County residents;]]

14 (A) INITIATE AND ASSIST IN PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR HOWARD COUNTY
15 RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- 16 (1) PUBLIC TRANSIT;
- 17 (2) BICYCLE;
- 18 (3) PEDESTRIAN;
- 19 (4) VEHICULAR; AND,
- 20 (5) TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT;

21 (b) Make recommendations to the County Executive AS REQUESTED, concerning
22 contracts with State and Federal agencies, firms, corporations, and associations to provide
23 public transportation services to Howard County;

24 (c) Encourage additional home-to-work transit services, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO
25 THE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION;

26 (d) Assist in [[procuring]] PROVIDING adequate public transportation for County residents
27 having no alternative means of transportation;

28 (e) Assist in increasing transportation access to HEALTH AND HUMAN [[social]] services,
29 educational institutions, recreational facilities and OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES[[domestic
30 supplies]];

1 (f) Develop and submit recommendations to County, State, and regional administrative
2 bodies in planning comprehensive transportation services for Howard County residents;
3 (g) Receive and coordinate [[citizen]] PUBLIC comment and complaints concerning
4 transportation needs and to recommend actions thereon; AND
5 [[(h) Evaluate present transportation services for the purpose of developing a
6 comprehensive transit program for the County, with appropriate linkages to both the
7 Baltimore and Washington areas; and]]
8 [[(i)] (H) FURNISH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE COUNTY
9 EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON ANY MATTER CONCERNING THE PRESENT AND
10 FUTURE NEEDS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN HOWARD COUNTY, INCLUDING PROVIDING
11 ACCESS TO BOTH THE BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON AREAS THROUGH THE
12 TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

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14 **Title 16. Planning, Zoning and Subdivisions and Land Development Regulations.**

15 **Subtitle 1. Subdivision and Land Development Regulations.**

16 **Article I. General.**

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18 **Section 16.108.** Rules of construction; definitions.

19 (b) *Definitions.* As used in these regulations, the following terms shall be defined as
20 follows:

21 (47) Review committee means an advisory group to the Department of
22 Planning and Zoning, organized to coordinate the subdivision and site development plan
23 review process. The group shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the
24 following agencies:

- 25 (i) Department of Public Works;
- 26 (ii) Health Department;
- 27 (iii) Department of Education;
- 28 (iv) Department of Recreation and Parks;
- 29 (v) Department of Fire and Rescue Services;
- 30 (vi) Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits;
- 31 (vii) Soil conservation district; [[and]]

1 (viii) Maryland State Highway Administration[.]; AND
2 (IX) OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION.

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4 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County,*
5 *Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*