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County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2014 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 1

Bill No. 1-2014 (ZRA 147)

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

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Purpose Statement of the TOD District; to provide that the district may allow for certain uses; to allow certain industrial uses, subject to certain criteria; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2014. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, 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 _____, 2014.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2014 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2014 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2014

Ken Ulman, 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 Zoning Regulations are amended as follows:

- 3 1. By amending
4 Subsection A, Purpose
5 Section 127.4: TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District
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- 7 2. By amending
8 Subsection B, Uses Permitted as a Matter of Right
9 Section 127.4: TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District
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- 11 3. By amending
12 Subsection E, Bulk Regulations
13 Section 127.4: TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District
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15 **Howard County Zoning Regulations.**

16 **Section 127.4 TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District**

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18 **A. Purpose**

19 The TOD District provides for the development and redevelopment of key
20 parcels of land within 3,500 feet of a MARC Station. The TOD District is
21 intended to encourage the development of multi-use center combining
22 office and high-density residential development that are located and
23 designed for safe and convenient pedestrian access by commuters using
24 the MARC Trains and other public transit links. For sites of AT least 50
25 acres, well-designed multi-use centers combining office, high-density
26 residential development with a diversity of dwelling unit types, and retail
27 uses are encouraged. The requirements of this district, in conjunction with
28 the Route 1 Manual and the vehicular and pedestrian improvements that
29 connect internally and with surrounding development, will result in
30 development that makes use of the commuting potential of the MARC

1 system, creates attractive employment or multi-use centers, and provides
2 for safe and convenient pedestrian travel.

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4 Many parcels in the TOD District were developed before this district was
5 created. It is not the intent of these requirements to disallow the continued
6 use of sites developed prior to the TOD District. ADDITIONALLY, BECAUSE
7 TOD DEVELOPMENTS ARE MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN COMPREHENSIVELY
8 PLANNED FOR LARGER PARCELS OF LAND SURROUNDING A MARC STATION,
9 IT IS NEITHER THE INTENT OF THESE REQUIREMENTS TO ENCOURAGE
10 SMALLER, PIECEMEAL TOD DEVELOPMENTS NOR DISALLOW THE
11 BENEFICIAL USE OF UNDEVELOPED TOD DISTRICT PARCELS DURING THE
12 PERIOD OF TIME PRIOR TO A LARGER TOD DEVELOPMENT BEING
13 ASSEMBLED. The intent of this district will be achieved by bringing sites
14 into compliance with these requirements and the standards of the Route 1
15 Manual as A MIX OF RESIDENTIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL uses are
16 redeveloped or expanded. CERTAIN LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES MAY ALSO BE
17 APPROPRIATE WITHIN THE MIX OF TOD NONRESIDENTIAL USES IF PROPERLY
18 LOCATED SO AS TO NOT OVERLY REDUCE THE AVAILABLE LAND AREA FOR
19 THE MORE DENSE MIX OF USES AT THE CORE OF THE TOD DEVELOPMENT,
20 CLOSER TO THE MARC STATION. TO PROVIDE FOR REDUCED DENSITY ON
21 PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN THE TOD LIMITS BUT FAR FROM THE MARC
22 STATION TO ALLOW LOWER DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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24 **B. Uses Permitted as a Matter of Right**

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26 9. DWELLINGS, SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED, WITHIN A TOD
27 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT GREATER THAN 3 ACRES AND
28 ENCOMPASSING LESS THAN 50 ACRES THAT IS ENTIRELY LOCATED
29 MORE THAN 2,500 FEET FROM A MARC STATION, PROVIDED THAT
30 THE MINIMUM DENSITY SHALL NOT APPLY AND THAT SUCH

1 DWELLINGS SHALL NOT OCCUPY MORE THAN 40% OF THE GROSS
2 DEVELOPMENT AREA OF SUCH A PROJECT.

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4 14. INDUSTRIAL USES, LIGHT, PROVIDED THAT: THE PROPERTY FRONTS
5 ON AND HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO AN ARTERIAL OR COLLECTOR
6 HIGHWAY; ADJOINS OTHER PROPERTIES DEVELOPED WITH EXISTING
7 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES; THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USE IS PRINCIPALLY
8 CONDUCTED WITHIN A BUILDING; THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
9 DOES NOT INCLUDE A PROPOSAL FOR ANY DWELLING UNITS; AND,
10 THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IS AT THE PERIPHERY OF THE
11 TOD DISTRICT, WELL SEPARATED FROM THE MARC STATION.

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13 {Renumber categories accordingly}

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15 **E. Bulk Regulations**

16 1. [[Minimum]] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 127.4.B, MINIMUM
17 residential density is 20 units per net acre of residential
18 development.

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20 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County,*
21 *Maryland that the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning is authorized to*
22 *publish this Act, to correct obvious errors in section references, numbers and references*
23 *to existing law, capitalization, spelling, grammar, headings and similar matters.*

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25 *Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County,*
26 *Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*