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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 9

BILL NO. 37 - 2019

**Introduced by:**  
Christiana Mercer Rigby

**Co-sponsored by:**  
Opel Jones

**AN ACT** amending the Howard County Code to clarify that in calculating the number of required communal spaces for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, that the final calculated number shall be rounded up to the nearest even number; and generally relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Introduced and read first time July 1, 2019. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
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 July 15, 2019.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on July 29, 2019 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at 9 a.m./p.m.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive August 5, 2019

Calvin Ball  
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 3. Buildings*

5 *Subtitle 1. Buildings.*

6 *Section 3.105. Electric vehicle charging.*

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## HOWARD COUNTY CODE

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### Title 3. Buildings

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#### Subtitle 1. Buildings.

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14 **Section. 3.105. - Electric vehicle charging infrastructure.**

15 (a) *Definitions.*

16 (1) *Electric vehicle* means a vehicle that uses electricity for propulsion.

17 (2) *Electric vehicle charging station* means a connected point in an electrical wiring  
18 installation at which current is taken to charge an electric vehicle.

19 (3) *Level 2 charging* means a Level 2 electric vehicle charging level as defined by SAE  
20 International's J1772 standard.

21 (b) *Scope.*

22 (1) This section applies to any proposed construction of:

23 (i) Residential Group R-1 and Residential Group R-2 occupancies, as those labels  
24 are used in the Howard County Building Code;

25 (ii) Residential occupancies with more than two units owned under a condominium  
26 or co-operative arrangement; and

27 (iii) Residential Group R-3 townhouse and single family detached occupancies, as  
28 those labels are used in the Howard County Building Code, regardless of the  
29 ownership arrangement.

1 (2) This section applies to parking spaces for electric vehicles that can use an external  
2 source of electricity to charge the electric vehicle's batteries.

3 (c) *Provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.*

4 (1) For new construction subject to this section:

5 (i) A residential unit with a garage, carport, or driveway shall feature a dedicated  
6 electric line of sufficient voltage so that an electric vehicle charging station may  
7 be added in the future; and

8 (ii) The developer shall ensure that at least one communal parking space for each  
9 25 residential units that are not covered under item (i) of this paragraph features  
10 an electric vehicle charging station. IF THE FINAL CALCULATION OF REQUIRED  
11 COMMUNAL PARKING SPACES WITH ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IS AN  
12 ODD NUMBER OR INCLUDES A FRACTION, THE NUMBER OF SPACES REQUIRED SHALL  
13 BE ROUNDED UP TO THE NEXT EVEN NUMBER.

14 (2) For purposes of this section, an electric vehicle charging station shall be capable of  
15 providing Level 2 charging or higher to the parking space.

16 (3) Electric vehicle charging stations shall be labeled for their intended use for electric  
17 vehicle charging IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 21.207(C)(5) OF THE CODE.

18 (4) The Building Official, as that term is used in the Howard County Building Code,  
19 may specify performance standards for equipment that is installed to comply with this  
20 section.

21 (d) *Application.* This section shall have no effect if the Howard County Building Code  
22 includes provisions to require and regulate electric vehicle charging equipment in the  
23 residential occupancies that this section covers.

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25 ***Section 2. Be it further enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this  
26 *Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

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BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on August 5, 2019.

Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council