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Public Hearing October 21, 2019  
Council Action November 4, 2019  
Executive Action November 6, 2019  
Effective Date January 6, 2020

## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

### Bill No. 51-2019

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

AN ACT prohibiting the use of pesticides on any County controlled, managed, or owned buildings and grounds unless the use complies with County policy; and generally related to pesticide/herbicide use on County property.

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Introduced and read first time October 7, 2019. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Diane A. Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, 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 October 21, 2019.

By order Diane A. Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on November 4, 2019 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order Diane A. Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

By order Diane A. Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive November 6, 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               **WHEREAS**, the County is committed to protecting, enhancing, and restoring the natural  
2 environment while providing for safe and sustainable property management; and

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4               **WHEREAS**, pollinators provide critical ecological services and are threatened by the over  
5 use of pesticides; and

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7               **WHEREAS**, the County has taken a proactive approach by limiting the use of pesticides  
8 and by using pesticides in accordance with the manufacturers' directions and accepted Integrated  
9 Pest Management practices on parkland; and

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11               **WHEREAS**, the County now wishes to further apply these practices, limiting the use of  
12 pesticides on all County controlled, managed, or owned buildings and grounds; and

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14               **WHEREAS**, the County wishes to restrict the use of chlorpyrifos, neonicotinoids, and  
15 glyphosate on all County controlled, managed, or owned buildings and grounds; and

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17               **WHEREAS**, the County has adopted a policy governing the use of such pesticides and any  
18 application of pesticides on any County controlled, managed, or owned buildings and grounds  
19 shall be in accordance with the policy.

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21               **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

- 25       1. *By adding a new subtitle, Subtitle 6 "Pesticide/Herbicide Use on County Property" to*
- 26        *Title 15 "Natural Resources"*
- 27       2. *By adding new section 15.600 "~~Pesticide/Herbicide~~ Pesticide Use on County controlled,*
- 28        *managed, or owned buildings and grounds— Prohibited Uses".*

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30               **Title 15. Natural Resources.**

31               **SUBTITLE 6. PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE PESTICIDE USE ON COUNTY PROPERTY.**

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**15.600. ~~PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE~~ PESTICIDE USE ON COUNTY CONTROLLED, MANAGED, OR OWNED BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS– PROHIBITED USES.**

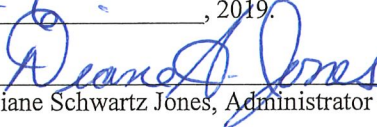
(A) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE TERM “PESTICIDE” SHALL MEAN A SUBSTANCE USED TO CONTROL INSECTS, FUNGUS, OR PLANTS AND, AS SUCH, INCLUDES ALL HERBICIDES, INSECTICIDES, AND FUNGICIDES.

(B) THE COUNTY SHALL NOT USE ANY PESTICIDE, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CHLORPYRIFOS, NEONICOTINOIDS, OR GLYPHOSATE, ON ANY COUNTY CONTROLLED, MANAGED, OR OWNED BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, UNLESS THE USE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY POLICY GOVERNING PESTICIDE USE.

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

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on November 6, 2019.

  
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Diane Schwartz Jones, 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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Diane Schwartz Jones, 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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Diane Schwartz Jones, 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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Diane Schwartz Jones, 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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Diane Schwartz Jones, 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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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council