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Effective Date December 7, 2020

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 50-2020

Introduced by: Deb Jung

AN ACT to update a reference in the LEED green building rating system related to bird-friendly buildings; and generally relating to environmental design.

Introduced and read first time September 8, 2020. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Diane Schwartz 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 September 21, 2020.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on October 5 2020 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 6th day of October, 2020 at 2:45 a.m./p.m.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive October 7, 2020

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
2 Howard County Code is amended as follows:

3 By amending:

4 Title 3. Buildings.

5 Subtitle 10. Energy efficiency and environmental design.

6 Section 3.1105. Required submissions; conditions of approval;
7 certification of use and occupancy.

8 Subsection (b). Required submissions – Building Permit
9 Application

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11 **Title 3. Buildings.**

12 **Subtitle 10. Energy efficiency and environmental design.**

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14 **Section 3.1005 – Required submissions; condition of approval; certificate of use and**
15 **occupancy.**

16 (b) *Required Submissions—Building Permit Application.* In addition to other
17 documents required to be submitted with a building permit application, an applicant for
18 new construction subject to this subtitle shall submit to the Director:

19 (1) (i) Documentation showing that the project has been registered with the
20 Green Building Council and an updated LEED checklist that shall be prepared, signed,
21 and dated by the project LEED accredited professional; or

22 (ii) If the Director has adopted equivalent standards by regulation, an
23 updated checklist that is approved by the Director as demonstrating that the
24 Applicant meets the equivalent standards;

25 (2) Documentation showing that the building meets:

26 1. the bird-friendly design standards of the **[[2011]] 2019** edition of
27 “Pilot Credit #55: reducing bird collisions” in the LEED green building
28 rating system; or

29 2. the bird-friendly design standards that the Director adopts by
30 regulation and that are equivalent to Pilot Credit #55;

1 [[2]] (3) Any other document or information the Director finds necessary to
2 determine whether the building will achieve the applicable standard under section 3.1004
3 of this subtitle;

4 [[3]] (4) If applicable, documentation that the LEED design features and
5 specifications have been reviewed and approved by the project's LEED accredited
6 professional; and

7 [[4]] (5) General notes or individual detail drawings on all construction
8 documents showing or explaining the green building measures used to attain the
9 applicable LEED rating.

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

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 50-2020

Introduced: September 8, 2020

Auditor: Michael A. Martin

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact expected as a result of this legislation.

Purpose:

This legislation would update a technical reference in the previously passed legislation, Council Bill 11-2020, which becomes effective on September 6, 2020.

Council Bill 11-2020 requires documentation referencing design standards in the 2011 edition of "Pilot Credit #55: reducing bird collisions" in the LEED green building rating system. This revision to the County Code will reference the 2019 edition.

Other Comments:

None.