

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 59-2021

Introduced: April 5, 2021

Auditor: Lisa Geerman

Fiscal Impact:

There is no anticipated fiscal impact related to the changes proposed in this legislation.

The changes are not expected to have an effect on the total Settlement Downpayment Loans provided. The Administration anticipates budgeting \$1.5 million in Settlement Downpayment Loan Program (SDLP) loans in Fiscal Year 2022.

Purpose:

This resolution amends the rules that implement the SDLP established under Title 13, Subtitle 9, of the Howard County Code.

The proposed amendments make the following changes:

- Update definitions;
- Add a definition of self-employment income and a method of calculation;
- Remove language relating to lending pool and participating lenders;
- Update minimum down payment requirements and qualification for certain loan types;
and
- Update loan subordination requirements.

Other Comments:

Initial adoption of the rules for the SDLP were established through passage of Council Resolution 46-1992. The rules have been subsequently amended over the years, most recently by CR147-2011.