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Council action \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive action \_\_\_\_\_  
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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2023 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 11

### BILL NO. 39 – 2023 (ZRA – 204)

#### Introduced by:

Christiana Rigby, Councilmember

**AN ACT** amending the definitions of "Parking Area, Parking Facility or Parking Use" and "Solar Collector, Rooftop" to ensure that solar canopies are permitted by right uses on parking structures.; and generally relating to solar canopies.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2023. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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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 Zoning Regulations are hereby amended as follows:

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4 *By Amending:*

5 Section 103.0: “Definitions”

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7 **HOWARD COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS**

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9 **SECTION 103.0: Definitions**

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11 Terms used in these Zoning Regulations shall have the definition provided in any standard  
12 dictionary, unless specifically defined below or in any other provision of these Zoning  
13 Regulations:

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15 Parking Area, Parking Facility or Parking Use: Any area of a lot or structure used for off-  
16 street parking and circulation of motor vehicles, including the area occupied by parking  
17 spaces, driveways, and vehicle stacking lanes (e.g. for a car wash or drive-through  
18 window). GROUND-MOUNTED PARKING CANOPIES SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PARKING USE.  
19 The following are not part of a parking area or parking use: loading docks; areas  
20 designated to be occupied by a vehicle during loading operations; fuel servicing spaces at  
21 a Motor Vehicle Fueling Facility; parking lot islands, any area used for outdoor display or  
22 storage of merchandise for sale or rent, including motor vehicles; and any area used for  
23 storage of inoperative motor vehicles.

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25 Solar Collector, Rooftop: A solar collector or commercial solar collector and all  
26 supporting electrical and structural components that is attached to the rooftop of an  
27 existing structure, INCLUDING GROUND MOUNTED PARKING CANOPIES, or integrated into the  
28 building, where the solar panels themselves act as a building material or structural  
29 element.

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