

Amendment 87 to Council Bill No. 28 -2023

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Amendment No. 87

(This Amendment makes the following changes to HoCo by Design Chapters 5 and 11 to:

Chapter 5: Economic Prosperity - Adds a new Policy Statement EP-14 and corresponding Implementing Actions which pertain to consolidating fragmented agricultural supports

Chapter 11: Implementation - Adds a new Policy Statement EP-14 and corresponding Implementing Actions which pertain to consolidating fragmented agricultural supports.)

1 In the *HoCo By Design* General Plan, attached to this Act as Exhibit A, amend the following
2 pages as indicated in this Amendment:

- 3 • Chapter 5: Economic Prosperity, page 61.
- 4 • Chapter 5: Economic Prosperity, insert a new page 61.1.
- 5 • Chapter 11: Implementation, page 35.
- 6 • Chapter 11: Implementation, insert a new page 35.1.
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9 Correct all page numbers, numbering, and formatting within this Act to accommodate this
10 amendment.

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EP-14 Policy Statement

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Implementing Actions

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2. Complete an Agriculture Master Plan within three years from the adoption of HoCo By Design. The Plan should be focused on how to best position Howard County's agriculture industry to compete, grow and prosper. The effort should include a combination of local stakeholders and experts along with external experts.
3. Establish a physical Howard County Agriculture Center ideally located on a working farm or open space parcel in the Rural West. Programming and activities would attract the public to learn about agriculture history, operations and practices, and to enjoy events and activities supporting agriculture. It would be a vibrant center with frequent events and a wide range of partners contributing to the programming.

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