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**County Council of Howard County, Maryland**

2024 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

**Bill No. 32-2024**

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

Short Title: Bond authorizing and empowering – Recreation and Parks projects – \$3,540,000

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$3,540,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain General County projects as more particularly described in the County's 2025 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts collected by the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Introduced and read first time May 6, 2024. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
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 May 20, 2024.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on May 22, 2024 and Passed , Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 24 day of May, 2024 at 1<sup>00</sup> a.m./p.m.

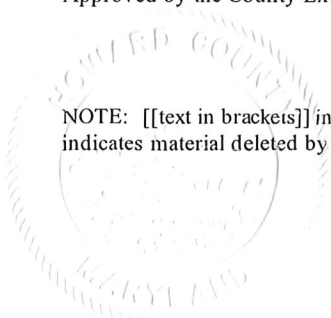
By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive May 29, 2024.

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 **Recitals**

2 In accordance with the provisions of Section 603 of the Charter of Howard County, Maryland (the  
3 “Charter”), the County Executive has submitted a proposed Capital Budget for fiscal year 2025 to the  
4 County Council of Howard County, Maryland, and, prior to the passage of this Act, the County Council  
5 has adopted a Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 (the “Capital Budget”).

6 As a part of the Capital Budget, it is necessary that Howard County, Maryland borrow a sum not  
7 exceeding \$3,540,000 to be used for payment of the costs of certain general county capital projects specified  
8 in the Capital Budget (each a “Project”, collectively, the “Projects”), which Projects are more particularly  
9 described in Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein, and for payment of costs of issuance of  
10 any obligations issued to evidence such borrowing.

11 **Now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Charter of Howard**  
12 **County, Maryland:**

13 **Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,** That Howard  
14 County, Maryland (the “County”), is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow on its full faith and  
15 credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, at one time or from time to time, an  
16 aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$3,540,000, the proceeds thereof to be used to finance and  
17 refinance the Projects more particularly specified and described in Appendix A attached hereto and in the  
18 Capital Budget; including for each Project, without limitation, the cost of planning, design, construction,  
19 reconstruction, furnishing, equipping, improvements, renovations, remodeling, enlargements, engineering  
20 services, architects services, surveys, landscaping, site development, evaluation studies, land acquisition  
21 and related items, appurtenances and incidental activities.

22 Proceeds of any bonds or other obligations authorized by this Act may also be used to pay costs of  
23 issuance of such bonds or other obligations.

24 **Section 2. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
25 That, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 19-212 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated  
26 Code of Maryland, as amended, the County is also authorized to issue bond anticipation notes in

1 anticipation of the issuance of the bonds or other obligations authorized by this Act and described in Section  
2 1 hereof, and all references to “bonds” or “obligations” shall include such bond anticipation notes, unless  
3 the context clearly requires a contrary meaning. It is intended that the aggregate principal amount of issued  
4 and outstanding bond anticipation notes when added to the aggregate principal amount of issued and  
5 outstanding bonds or other obligations in anticipation of which such notes were issued, shall not exceed the  
6 aggregate principal amount set forth in Section 1 of this Act at any time. The County will agree in each  
7 ordinance described in Section 4 of this Act relating to any notes issued pursuant to this Act to pay such  
8 notes and the interest and premium, if any, thereon from the proceeds of the bonds or other obligations in  
9 anticipation of the sale of which such notes are issued and other available funds, and the County will agree  
10 to issue such bonds or other obligations when, and as soon as, the reason for deferring their issuance no  
11 longer exists.

12 **Section 3. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**

13 That, in connection with the acquisition of real property as part of a Project, the County may incur all or  
14 any portion of the indebtedness authorized by this Act for such acquisition by entering into an installment  
15 purchase agreement pursuant to and in accordance with Section 4.201A of the Howard County Code  
16 (“Section 4.201A”) or any successor provisions of law in lieu of issuing bonds or other obligations for such  
17 acquisition. The principal amount of any such installment purchase agreement shall not exceed the lesser  
18 of (a) the maximum principal amount permitted by Section 4.201A or (b) the portion of the amount to be  
19 borrowed for such Project (as set forth in Section 1 hereof) which relates to such acquisition. All references  
20 to “bonds” or “obligations” in this Act shall include such installment purchase agreements, unless the  
21 context clearly requires a contrary meaning.

22 **Section 4. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**

23 That the County Council of the County, by an ordinance or ordinances adopted from time to time in  
24 accordance with Article VI of the Charter and other applicable provisions of law and the policies of the  
25 County, shall provide for (a) the issuance and sale of, (b) the maximum principal amount, designation,  
26 form, tenor and denomination or denominations of, (c) the dates of the first maturity (not more than two

1 years after the date of issue) and the last maturity (not more than 30 years after the date of issue) of, and (d)  
2 the interest rate or rates per annum (or the method of determining such rate or rates) payable on, any bonds  
3 or other obligations issued from time to time under this Act; and may by any such ordinance, or by separate  
4 resolution, provide that the issue of bonds or other obligations hereby authorized be consolidated with one  
5 or more other issues.

6 **Section 5. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
7 That for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on such bonds or other obligations as the same  
8 shall become payable, the County Council of Howard County shall levy annually ad valorem taxes upon  
9 the assessable property in the County sufficient, together with amounts collected from the Howard County  
10 Department of Recreation and Parks and other available funds, to pay the principal of and interest on such  
11 bonds or other obligations until all of such bonds or other obligations shall mature and be redeemed.

12 **Section 6. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
13 That any bonds or other obligations issued from time to time under this Act are specifically exempt from  
14 the provisions of Sections 19-205 and 19-206 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of  
15 Maryland, as amended, and any successor provision of law.

16 **Section 7. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
17 That all bonds or other obligations authorized hereby shall be issued within four years from the date this  
18 Act becomes effective. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if bond anticipation notes are issued within such  
19 period in accordance with Section 2 hereof, the bonds or other obligations authorized hereby may be issued  
20 until the final maturity date of such notes.

21 **Section 8. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
22 That the County anticipates that a portion of the costs of some or all of the Projects may be paid prior to the  
23 issuance of the bonds or other obligations authorized hereby. The amount of such costs so paid will depend  
24 on various factors, including, without limitation, the timing and speed of progress on the Projects, the  
25 availability of other funds to pay such costs on an interim basis, bond and money market conditions and  
26 compliance with federal and State laws and regulations.

1           Accordingly, the County reasonably expects to reimburse costs of the Projects (as described herein)  
2 with proceeds of the bonds or other obligations authorized hereby, such bonds or other obligations to be  
3 issued by the County in the maximum principal amount of \$3,540,000.

4           **Section 9. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
5 That this Act shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after its enactment.

**General County Projects**

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Amount to be Borrowed (Reauthorizations)</b>	<b>Amount to be Borrowed (New Authorizations)</b>
<b>N3982- FY2025 PARK SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENTS</b> This project will provide replacement of all types of park facilities and related engineering to include equipment or building elements which have deteriorated beyond routine maintenance efforts.	-0-	\$3,540,000
<b>General County Projects – Reauthorizations/New Authorizations</b>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$3,540,000</u>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE BORROWED:</b>		<b><u>\$3,540,000</u></b>

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

July 29  
Michelle Harrod

Michelle R. Harrod, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Michelle R. Harrod, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Michelle R. Harrod, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Michelle R. Harrod, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Michelle R. Harrod, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council