

**Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 63-2024**

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**Amendment No. 2**

*(This amendment amends the Open Space requirement in the CAC zoning district to:*

- 1. Require a 15-foot yard for townhomes; and*
- 2. Increase the Open Space requirement to 30% for parcels larger than 20 acres and 25% for parcels less than 20 acres.)*

1 On the title page, in line 2 of the short title, after the comma, insert “increase the open space  
2 requirement.”.

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4 On the title page, in line 3 of the title, after the semicolon, insert “increase the open space  
5 requirement.”.

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7 On page 1, immediately following line 11, insert the following:

8 “1. “Amenity Area”.”

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10 On page 1, immediately following line 23 insert the following:

11 “1. Amenity Area

12 CAC developments shall include an amenity area or areas. No amenity area shall be  
13 smaller than 0.25 acre. The amenity area shall include seating and trees  
14 proportional to the size of the amenity area. Amenity areas shall be connected by  
15 pedestrian and bicycle improvements that link with existing and future connections  
16 to surrounding developments. In accordance with Section 16.121 (B) of the Code,  
17 at the discretion of the County, all or a portion of the open space area shall be  
18 dedicated and deeded without charge to Howard County for recreation or for public  
19 use, including but not limited to, community centers and libraries along Route 1.

1           a. For CAC Developments 20 acres or larger, provide ~~[[20%]]30%~~ of the net  
2           acreage as open space of which at least 50% must be designed as an amenity  
3           area open to the public. Provide well-designed recreational areas for both  
4           children's and adults' activities. Provide ~~[[on]]AN~~ amenity area that is designated  
5           as a civic gathering place large enough to accommodate such activities as  
6           community picnics, concerts, fairs and similar events.

7           b. For CAC Developments less than 20 acres, provide ~~[[10%]]25%~~ of the net  
8           acreage as open space which must be designed as an amenity area open to the  
9           public.

10          c. SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED UNITS SHALL HAVE A USABLE OUTDOOR SPACE EQUAL  
11          TO A 15-FOOT DEEP YARD. ALTERNATIVELY, THE AMENITY AREA OPEN SPACE  
12          REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 127.5.E.1 ABOVE SHALL BE INCREASED BY 300  
13          SQUARE FEET PER UNIT.”.

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