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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day 3

Bill No. 16 -2025

Introduced by: Liz Walsh

SHORT TITLE: Annual Reports to County Council-County Government Website

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to establish a centralized webpage for all annual reports, studies, publications, or other documents required to be submitted to the County Council and generally related to reports to the County Council.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2025. 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 _____, 2025.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2025 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 _____, 2025 at ____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2025

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 Howard
2 *County Code is amended as follows:*

3 *By amending*

4 *Title 22. General Provisions*

5 *Subtitle 10. Reports*

6 *Section. 22.1000 Reports to the County Council*

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8 **HOWARD COUNTY CODE**

9 **Title 22. General Provisions**

10 **Subtitle 10. – Reports**

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12 **Section 22.1000. – Reports to the County Council**

13 (a) *Scope.* This section applies to each report, study, publication, or other document that is
14 REQUIRED BY THIS CODE TO BE distributed to or submitted to the County Council.

15 (b) *Electronic Submission.* A document shall be sent electronically to:

16 (1) Each member of the County Council;

17 (2) The Council Administrator; and

18 (3) The County Auditor.

19 [(b)]C *Format.* A document shall be sent as a searchable portable document format
20 (PDF/A) file that meets the standards published for that file type by the International
21 Organization for Standardization.

22 (D) *WEBPAGE.* ALL REPORTS, STUDIES, PUBLICATIONS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THIS
23 CODE, SUBJECT TO THE MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT, THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE
24 DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE POSTED ON A
25 CENTRALIZED PAGE ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL WEBSITE.

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27 **Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,
28 *Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*