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County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 69 -2025

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

Short Title – Amendment – Budget Ordinance – to strike a condition - L0020, New HCLS Central Branch & Relocation

Title: AN EMERGENCY ACT amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 in order to strike a condition placed on Capital Project, L0020, New HCLS Central Branch & Relocation; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

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/Vetoed 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 **WHEREAS**, Council Bill No. 36-2025 (CB36) is known as the Annual Budget and
2 Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2026 and contains the capital and
3 operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 (FY26);
4 and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Amendment No. 14-2025 to CB36 added a condition to the use of funding
7 in capital project L0020, New HCLS Central Branch & Relocation (the “Condition”); and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Condition requires that funding in L0020 may not be used until the
10 “purchase of the property in fee simple located at 10227 Wincopin Circle Columbia. Maryland
11 21044, which was appraised on May 19, 2023 for approximately \$14,000.000, on or before
12 September 15, 2025.”; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, it is impossible to meet the Condition as the property cannot be acquired in
15 fee simple by the date required by the Condition; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, in order to move forward with Capital Project L0020, the Condition needs
18 to be removed from the Budget Ordinance; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter, the FY26 budget
21 needs to be amended to strike the Condition and is an Emergency Bill is necessary to meet a
22 public emergency affecting life, health or property.

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24 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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26 ***Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Condition*
27 *added by Amendment No. 14 to Council Bill No. 36-2025, as reflected in CB36 on page 3, line 28*
28 *down through and including page 4, line 3 is hereby stricken.*

1 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
2 *this Act is adopted as an emergency measure to address an immediate emergency affecting life,*
3 *health or property and having been passed by two-thirds of its members, this Act shall be*
4 *effective immediately upon its enactment.*