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## County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2009 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **8**

### **Bill No. 36 -2009**

Introduced by: Greg Fox, Councilperson

Co-sponsored by: Courtney Watson, Councilperson

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require pre-submission community meetings for certain non-residential development, including certain expansions of existing non-residential uses; and generally relating to pre-submission community meetings.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2009. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 at \_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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Ken Ulman, 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  
2 Section 16.128 “Pre-submission Community Meetings; Exceptions”, of Article II  
3 “Design Standards and Requirements”, Subsection (a) of Section 16.144 “General  
4 Procedures Regarding the Subdivision Process”, of Article IV “Procedures for Filing  
5 and Processing Subdivision Applications”, and Subsection (a) of Section 156  
6 “Procedures”, of Article V, “Procedures for Filing and Processing Site Development  
7 Plan Applications”, all of Subtitle 1 “Subdivision and Land Development Regulations”,  
8 of Title 16 “Planning, Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Regulations”, of  
9 the Howard County Code, are hereby amended to read as follows:

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11 **Title 16. Planning, Zoning and Subdivisions and Land Development Regulations**

12 **Subtitle 1. Subdivision and Land Development Regulations**

13 **Article II. Design Standards and Requirements**  
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15 **Sec. 16.128. Pre-submission community meetings; exceptions.**

16 Pre-submission Community Meeting: THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES ARE  
17 REQUIRED FOR A [[A]] pre-submission community meeting: [[is required prior to the  
18 initial submission of plans for all new residential developments according to the  
19 following procedures:]]

20 (a) The initial plan submittal shall be as defined in section 16.108 of this  
21 subtitle.

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23 (b) The meeting shall be:

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25 (1) Held at a location within the community, in a public or institutional  
26 building located within approximately five miles of the subject  
27 property; and

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29 (2) Scheduled to start between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on a weekday  
30 evening, or to be held between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a Saturday,

1 excluding all official county holidays and Rosh Hashanah, Yom  
2 Kippur, Eid Ul Fitr or Eid Ul Adha.

3 (c) The developer shall provide three weeks advance notice regarding the  
4 date, time, and location of the pre-submission community meeting to be  
5 held for a [[new residential]] development project to:  
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7 (1) All adjoining property owners identified in the records of the State  
8 Department of Assessments and Taxation, by first-class mail; and  
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10 (2) The Department of Planning and Zoning, which will place the  
11 meeting notice on the Department's web site; and  
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13 (3) The Howard County Council; and  
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15 (4) Any community association that represents the area of the subject  
16 property or any adjacent properties.  
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18 The property involved shall be posted with the time, date and place of the initial meeting.  
19 The sign shall include the address of Department of Planning and Zoning's website. The  
20 property shall be posted for at least two weeks immediately before the meeting. The  
21 poster shall be double-sided and at least 30 inches by 36 inches in size. The poster shall  
22 include a three digit alphanumeric code, which would be used to identify the case. The  
23 alphanumeric code shall be posted by the Department of Planning and Zoning in at least  
24 five-inch lettering in the top left corner of the poster. The Department of Planning and  
25 Zoning shall determine the number of posters required and their location and the  
26 petitioner shall bear the expense of posting. The posters shall be erected perpendicular to  
27 the road which serves as the mailing address of the subject property. The Department of  
28 Planning and Zoning shall supply the posters. The petitioner shall properly erect and  
29 maintain the posters.  
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1 (d) The pre-submission community meeting is for the developer to provide  
2 information to the community regarding the proposed [[residential]]  
3 development and to allow community residents to ask questions and make  
4 comments. UNLESS A CHANGE IS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE OR THE  
5 ZONING REGULATIONS, THE DEVELOPER IS NOT REQUIRED TO CHANGE THE  
6 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS MADE AT THE PRE-  
7 SUBMISSION COMMUNITY MEETING.

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9 (e) A certification that meeting notices were mailed and a summary of the  
10 comments made by residents at the pre-submission community meeting  
11 shall be transmitted by the developer to the Department of Planning and  
12 Zoning when the initial plans are submitted for County review.

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14 (f) Citizens may request a meeting with a staff member of the Department of  
15 Planning and Zoning to review the development proposal after the initial  
16 plan has been formally submitted to the department.

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18 (g) If the developer does not submit plans to the Department of Planning and  
19 Zoning within 1 year of the pre-submission community meeting, another  
20 pre-submission community meeting and notification in accordance with  
21 subsection b(1) of this section shall be required.

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23 **Article IV. Procedures for Filing and Processing Subdivision Applications**

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25 **Sec. 16.144. General Procedures Regarding the Subdivision Process.**

26 Except as provided in Section 16.102 of this Subtitle, all proposals to subdivide  
27 land shall be processed in accordance with the following procedures:

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29 (a) Pre-Submission Community Meeting: A pre-submission community meeting  
30 is required prior to the initial submission of RESIDENTIAL sketch plans or

1 preliminary equivalent sketch plans in accordance with section 16.128 of this  
2 article.

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4 **Article V. Procedures for Filing and Processing Site Development Plan Applications**

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6 **Sec. 16.156. Procedures.**

7 (a) *Pre-Submission Community Meetings, REQUIRED:* [[If the initial plan  
8 submittal for a residential development is a site development plan, the  
9 developer is required to hold a pre-submission community meeting in  
10 accordance with Section 16.128 of this Subtitle.]] PRE-SUBMISSION  
11 COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 16.128 OF THIS  
12 SUBTITLE ARE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING SITE PLAN SUBMITTALS:

13 (1) IF THE INITIAL PLAN SUBMITTAL FOR A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IS A  
14 SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN; OR

15 (2) IF THE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMITTAL IS FOR:

16 a. A NEW NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED WITHIN 200 FEET  
17 OF A RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT; OR

18 b. AN EXISTING NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS LOCATED  
19 WITHIN 200 FEET OF A RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND  
20 PROPOSED FOR A FLOOR AREA EXPANSION OF MORE THAN 25  
21 PERCENT.

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23 ***Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,  
24 *Maryland, that this Act shall take effect 61 days after its enactment.*