

## MBIA Letter of Support for CB51 - Time Deadlines Clarification for Government Closures

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Dear Chairman Ball and Members of the Howard County Council:

The MBIA writes in support of CB51-2016 which clarifies that all deadlines contained in the Howard County code shall be extended to the next business day when they fall on a weekend, holiday or government closure. While this change may seem insignificant, the increased predictability and use of the full time allowance for a given deadline makes a significant difference in a development project while also extending hundreds of deadlines County residents rely on to pay water bills, apply for licenses, file petitions or conduct almost any other business in Howard County. This legislation is good for business, good for residents and good for the County.

Thank you for your support of this legislation and the home building industry in Howard County.

If you have any questions about these comments and would like to discuss our position further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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**Re: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CB51-2016 – County Deadlines Clarification**

Dear Chairman Ball and Members of the Howard County Council:

The MBIA writes in support of CB51-2016 which clarifies that all deadlines contained in the Howard County code shall be extended to the next business day when they fall on a weekend, holiday or government closure. While this change may seem insignificant, the increased predictability and use of the full time allowance for a given deadline makes a significant difference in a development project.

This change makes Howard County consistent with most other state and federal deadlines, which typically allow deadlines falling on weekends, holiday or government closures to be extended to the following business day. There are several hundred deadlines in the County code, which can be confusing for residents, the business community and even County staff. This legislation eliminates any potential confusion and gives everyone their full time allotment to pay water bills, file petitions, file plans, apply for licenses or conduct almost any other business in the County. This change is good for business, good for constituents and will make the County more efficient.

Thank you for your support of this legislation and the home building industry in Howard County.

If you have any questions about these comments and would like to discuss our position further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Josh Greenfeld, Vice President of Government Affairs

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Councilmember Greg Fox  
Councilmember Mary Kay Sigaty  
Councilmember Jen Terrassa  
Councilmember Jon Weinstein

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