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Legislative Session – Budget Adoption
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
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Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071(Comcast)
12:00 p.m.

Legislative Session

Day # 7

Final Consideration

Financial (Non-Budget)

- CB26-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Collective Bargaining Agreement -Howard County Police Officer’s Association, Lodge 21
Title: AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a an amendment to a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer’s Association, Lodge 21 that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year amendment to a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer’s Association, Lodge 21 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2028 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer’s Association, Lodge 21
expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026
- CB27-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Howard County Police Supervisor’s Alliance Lodge 143 – Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement
Title: AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a an amendment to a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Supervisor’s Alliance Lodge 143that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Supervisor’s Alliance Lodge 143
expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026

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- CB28-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association – Collective Bargaining Agreement
Title: AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2028 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association
expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026
- SAO1-FY2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Supplementary Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – Department of Public Works - \$1,000,000
Title: AN ACT transferring \$1,000,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses related to snow removal
- CB29-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Emergency Appropriation – the Department of Public Works, the Department of General Services, the Department of Corrections and Non-Departmental expenses
Title: AN ACT making emergency appropriations pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter and amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 in order to provide additional spending authority to the Department of Public Works, the Department of General Services, the Department of Corrections and Non-Departmental expenses for unanticipated expenses related to snow removal, for overtime costs incurred by the Department of Corrections, and for SDAT billing; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property
expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026
- CB30-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Emergency Appropriation – Employee Benefits Self-Insurance Fund - \$5,200,000
Title: AN ACT making emergency appropriations pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter and amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026 to provide additional spending authority in the Employee Benefits Self-Insurance fund due to significant increases in medical claim expenditures of the fund; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property
expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026
- CR74-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Howard County Board of Education – Fiscal Year 2026- Operating Budget Transfer of Appropriations
Title: A RESOLUTION approving certain transfers between major categories in the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget of the Board of Education in the amount of \$3,635,000; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget of the Board of Education

Budget

- CR75-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Fiscal Year 2027 Retirement Incentive Program Established
Title: A RESOLUTION establishing the Fiscal Year 2027 Retirement Incentive Program; defining certain terms; establishing eligibility requirements; identifying certain positions that are excluded from participation; authorizing the development of Policies and Procedures; stating that there is no impact on retiree health benefits; requiring the availability of funds; and generally related to the Fiscal Year 2027 Retirement Incentive Program
- CB32-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Pay Plan for Fiscal Year 2027
Title: AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for employees and members of certain collective bargaining units to be effective July 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027, in certain instances; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026
- CB33-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – Fiscal Year 2027
Title: AN ACT adopting the current expense budget and the capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2027 expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026
- CB34-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Authorizing and empowering bonds– \$176,638,609 – County Capital Projects
Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$176,638,609 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County capital projects (including bridge projects, general county projects, storm drainage projects, school system projects, fire and rescue projects, road construction projects, roadside and sidewalk projects, library projects, community college projects, parks and recreation projects, police projects and traffic improvements projects), which are specified and described in the County's 2027 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain capital projects previously authorized in other calendar years, which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026

CB35-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Authorizing and empowering bonds - \$15,580,723 - County road construction projects

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount of up to \$15,580,723 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County road construction projects which are specified and described in the County's 2027 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain of such capital projects previously authorized), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with building excise taxes and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith

expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026

CB36-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Authorizing and empowering bonds - \$91,407,524 - County water and sewer capital projects

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$91,407,524 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County water and sewer capital projects which are specified and described in the County's 2027 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain water and sewer capital projects previously authorized in prior calendar years which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with benefit assessments, ad valorem taxes levied upon the assessable property in the Metropolitan District and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith

expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026

CB37-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Authorizing and empowering bonds - \$67,413,250 – Water Quality Authority

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$67,413,250 on its full faith and credit, and issue debt obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain General County projects as more particularly described in the County's Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such debt obligations; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith

expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026

- CB38-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Authorizing and empowering bonds - \$9,090,000 – Watershed Protection and Restoration Projects
Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$9,090,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County watershed protection and restoration projects as more particularly described in the County's 2027 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith
expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026
- CB39-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Authorizing and empowering bonds - \$4,720,863 – County broadband projects
Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$4,720,863 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County broadband projects as more particularly described in the County's 2027 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Non-County Government BBI Fund and the Private Sector BBI Fund and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith
expires – 07/13/2026; extended – 08/17/2026; extended twice – 09/21/2026
- CR76-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Capital Program and Extended Capital Program
Title: A RESOLUTION approving the Capital Program for Howard County for Fiscal Years 2028 through 2032 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2033 through 2036
- CR77-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Howard Community College – Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget
Title: A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories
- CR78-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Howard County Library System- Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget
Title: A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2027 budget for the Howard County Library System and indicating appropriations for object classes
- CR79-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Howard County Board of Education – Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget
Title: A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education

- CR80-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Health Department – Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget
Title: A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2027 budget for the Howard County Health Department and indicating appropriations for object classes
- CR81-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Metropolitan District – Fees and Charges
Title: A RESOLUTION approving schedules for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities
- CR82-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Fees – Department of Public Works
Title: A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees for the functions regulated by the Department of Public Works
- CR83-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Fees, Fines and Charges – Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits
Title: A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees, fines and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits
- CR84-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Fees and Charges – Department of Planning and Zoning
Title: A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and charges for functions regulated or administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning
- CR85-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Department of Police – Fees and Charges
Title: A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and rates for functions regulated and administered by the Department of Police
- CR86-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Schedule of Fines - Parking citations – Department of Police
Title: A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fines and penalties for violations of and administrative costs related to enforcement of Howard County’s parking laws, including administrative handling fees for parking citations and citations under the automated red-light enforcement program
- CR87-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Fees and Rates – Various Departments
Title: A RESOLUTION approving fee and rate schedules for:
- (1) Applying for approval of an industrial development revenue bond or MIDFA bond or loan;
 - (2) Solicitor and Peddler Identification Card;
 - (3) Weekend Prisoners - Room and board;
 - (4) Prisoner - Health care provider fee;
 - (5) Participation in work release program;
 - (6) Participation in home detention program;
 - (7) Marriage license fee charge for funding of domestic violence programs;
 - (8) Annual registration of trespass towing companies and maximum rates to be charged by trespass towing services;
 - (9) Fee and specifications for transcripts of administrative proceedings; and
 - (10) Reproduction of public records

- CR88-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee – Rate Schedules
Title: A RESOLUTION adopting schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee
- CR89-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Health Department – Fees
Title: A RESOLUTION adopting fee schedules for functions of the Health Department
- CR90-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Department of Fire and Rescue Services – Inspection Fees
Title: A RESOLUTION adopting a Schedule of Fees for inspections conducted by the Department of Fire and Rescue Services
- CR91-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement Program – Rates
Title: A RESOLUTION approving a Reimbursement Schedule for the Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement Program
- CR92-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Department of Finance – Fee Schedules
Title: A RESOLUTION adopting a schedule of fees for functions regulated by the Department of Finance
- CR93-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Admissions and Amusement Tax – Fiscal Year 2027
Title: A RESOLUTION levying a tax on certain admissions and amusements, establishing classes of admissions and amusements, setting tax rates on different classes, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax
- CR94-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Building Excise Tax – Fiscal Year 2027
Title: A RESOLUTION adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax
- CR95-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Fire and Rescue Tax – Fiscal Year 2027
Title: A RESOLUTION levying a fire and rescue tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 and setting the tax rate for the fire and rescue tax
- CR96-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Property Tax – Fiscal Year 2027
Title: A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax
- CR97-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Fee-in-Lieu for Moderate Income Housing
Title: A RESOLUTION setting the fee-in-lieu rate for moderate income housing
- CR98-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Transfer Tax – Fiscal Year 2027
Title: A RESOLUTION adopting the Transfer Tax, the tax on every instrument of writing conveying title to real or leasehold property offered for a record and recorded in Howard County with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax

CR99-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Recordation Tax – Fiscal Year 2027

Title: A RESOLUTION establishing a recordation tax rate on instruments of writing that are recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court

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