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Agenda

Legislative Session
Monday, April 7, 2025
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon), 99 and 1071(Comcast)
7:00 p.m.

Legislative Session

Day # 5

Approve Journals

Legislative Session – March 3, 2025
Legislative Session – March 12, 2025

Approve Minutes

Special Meeting to Hold Closed Session – March 3, 2025
Monthly Meeting – March 10, 2025
Legislative Public Hearing – March 17, 2025
Legislative Work Session – March 24, 2025

Introduction

Appointments

- CR65-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Gabriel Moreno – Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gabriel Moreno to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission
- CR66-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Dr. Brittany Francine Burch- Commission on Aging
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Brittany Francine Burch to the Commission on Aging
- CR67-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Valerie Etienne- Commission on Aging
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Valerie Etienne to the Commission on Aging

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- CR68-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Madison Borison, Esq.- Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Madison Borison, Esq. to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
- CR69-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Matthew Enekwe- Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Matthew Enekwe to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
- CR70-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Ashlyn M. Hood- Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ashlyn M. Hood to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
- CR71-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointing Dr. Dana E. Edwards, DOL, to the Commission for Women
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Dana E. Edwards, DOL, to the Commission for Women
- CR72-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Xi Wang – Design Advisory Panel
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Xi Wang to the Howard County Design Advisory Panel
- CR73-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Bryan Lee Thompson- Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bryan Lee Thompson to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board

Reappointments

- CR74-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment- Barbara L. Allen- Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Barbara L. Allen to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board
- CR75-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment- Ayesha Holmes - Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ayesha Holmes to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board
- CR76-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – David B. Vess – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David B. Vess to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
- CR77-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Chuck Chandler - Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Chuck Chandler to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council

CR78-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Sara Cochran - Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sara Cochran to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council

CR79-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Vinitha Nithianandam - Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Vinitha Nithianandam to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council

Financial

CB21-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement – 66.7 acres – the west side of Long Corner Road, Woodbine – Purchase price \$2,307,900 – owned by Jeffrey Harrison and Sue Harrison
Title: AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 66.7 acres of agricultural land located on the west side of Long Corner Road, Woodbine, Howard County, Maryland, from Jeffrey and Sue Harrison, or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$2,307,900 or, if less in acreage, not more than \$34,600 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

CR80-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Endorsing and authorizing – Application with the Maryland Transit Administration
Title: A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for grants under the Federal Transit Act and certain State transportation grants; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of Transportation

General

CB22-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Adopting - Howard County Flag
Title: AN ACT adopting a new flag description for Howard County, Maryland; setting out the design of the flag and the colors displayed therein
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

- CB23-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Adopting – Howard County Fire Prevention Code
Title: AN ACT adopting the National Fire Protection Association 1, Fire Code, 2024 Edition as the Howard County Fire Prevention Code, which sets certain fire safety requirements for structures in order to protect life and property; making certain local amendments to the Fire Code which shall include, among other things, inspection authority, charging areas for certain devices in multifamily dwellings, dryer duct materials, sprinkler systems in new day care facilities, stairwell access and lighting, fire department access, fire lane signage, requiring garages with EV chargers to have certain smoke detection systems, and generally relating to fire safety requirements and fire prevention in Howard County
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025
- CB24-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Adopting – Howard County Building Code
Title: AN ACT adopting the International Building Code, 2024, the International Residential Code, 2024, the International Mechanical Code, 2024, the International Energy Conservation Code, 2024, and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2024 Edition; providing that such codes collectively comprise the Howard County Building Code; regulating the design, construction, alteration, improvement, or modification of a building, structure, or other related equipment; adopting certain local amendments to the Building Code; adopting penalties for the violation of the Building Code; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the regulation of building and construction in Howard County
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025
- CB25-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Adoption – Howard County Property Maintenance Code for Rental Housing
Title: AN ACT adopting certain national codes as the Howard County Property Maintenance Code for Rental Housing; adopting local amendments; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Howard County Property Maintenance Code for Rental Housing
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025
- CB26-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Adopting – Plumbing and Gasfitting Code
Title: AN ACT adopting the 2024 International Plumbing Code and the National Fuel Gas Code (NFPA 54-2024), as the Plumbing and Gasfitting Code for Howard County in order to protect the public health and safety by setting forth criteria for the design and installation of plumbing and gasfitting systems; adopting local amendments to the Plumbing and Gasfitting code; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Plumbing and Gasfitting Code for Howard County
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025
- CB27-2025** - Introduced by Liz Walsh
Short Title: Open Meetings – Waiver and Variance Requests
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require that the evaluation of Protection of Wetlands, Streams, & Steep Slopes waivers and Forest Conservation variances be subject to the provisions of the Maryland Open Meetings Act; and generally relating to waivers and variances
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

- CB28-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the Howard County Council
Short Title: Fiscal Analyses – Council Legislation
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require that the Code required fiscal analysis for each piece of legislation is now submitted and processed by the County Council Administrator; and generally relating to legislative fiscal analyses
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025
- CB29-2025** - Introduced by Liz Walsh
Short Title: Subdivision and Land Development Regulations-Waivers- Repeal
Title: AN ACT repealing a certain waiver exception granted by the Department of Public Works for development proposals in the Tiber Branch Watershed; and generally relating to subdivision and land development regulations waivers
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025
- CB30-2025** - Introduced by Liz Walsh
Short Title: Membership – Human Rights Commission
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to add certain requirements to the membership qualifications for the Howard County Human Rights Commission; and generally related to membership
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025
- CB31-2025** - Introduced by Deb Jung
Short Title: Inspector General Advisory Board – Technical Correction
Title: AN ACT amending the membership qualifications for the Inspector General Advisory Board to correct a technical error; and generally related to qualifications
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

Final Consideration

Appointments

- CR49-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Lynda Lyons- Animal Matters Hearing Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lynda Lyons to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.
- CR50-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Kyla Nichole Cools – Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kyla Nichole Cools to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board.
- CR51-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – William Benjamin McIntyre II– Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of William Benjamin McIntyre II to the Commission on Disabilities.
- CR52-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Chippella Lewis – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Chippella Lewis to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

CR53-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Harry Burrell – Historic Preservation Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Harry Burrell to the Historic Preservation Commission.

CR54-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Eric L. Clark, D.C.J.- Police Accountability Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Eric L. Clark, D.C.J., to the Police Accountability Board.

Reappointments

CR55-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointing - Jennifer Broderick – Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jennifer Broderick to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

CR56-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointing - Theresa Forgét, SPHR, SHRM-SCP – Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Theresa Forgét, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

CR57-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment - Ihuoma G. Emenuga, MD, MPH, MBA – Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ihuoma G. Emenuga, MD, MPH, MBA, to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.

CR58-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Alesia Richter – Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Alesia Richter to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.

CR59-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment - Kellie Rowden-Racette – Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kellie Rowden-Racette to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.

CR60-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Marian Vessels – Recreation and Parks Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Marian Vessels to the Recreation and Parks Board.

Financial

- CB12-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Multiyear Agreement – ePlus Technology, Inc. – Cisco telephone and Webex services
Title: AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and ePlus Technology, Inc. for Cisco telephone and Webex services; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement.
expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025
- CB13-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Bond issuance, sale and delivery - \$15,000,000 bonds – Capital Project C0337
Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$15,000,000 bonds, pursuant to a bond enabling law; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.
expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025
- CR61-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Approving a Financial Assurance Plan – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit program
Title: A RESOLUTION approving a Financial Assurance Plan for Howard County’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit programs, in accordance with Section 4-202.1 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of the Environment.

General

- CB14-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Classified service eligibility lists – Federal employees and contractors – emergency legislation
Title: AN ACT providing that certain federal employees and contractors who meet the minimum qualifications for a position in the classified service may be placed on an eligibility list; generally relating to filling positions in the classified service; providing for the application of this Act; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet an emergency affecting the public health, safety, or welfare
expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025

- CB15-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Police and Fire Employees’ Retirement Plan – Maryland Police Corps Service
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Police and Fire Employees’ Retirement Plan in order to authorize Police Officers with Maryland Police Corps service to purchase an additional 5 months of eligibility service and creditable service and adding provisions relating to the impact of such service on DROP II participation and generally relating to the Howard County Police and Fire Employees’ Retirement Plan.
expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025
- CR62-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson on behalf of the County Council, and the County Executive
Short Title: Appointments - Inspector General Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing the members of the Inspector General Advisory Board; establishing the initial terms of service for the members; and generally relating to the Inspector General Advisory Board.
- CB16-2025** - Introduced by Liz Walsh
Short Title: Annual Reports to County Council-County Government Website
Title: 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.
expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025
- CB17-2025** - Introduced by Christiana Rigby
Short Title: Geothermal Energy Devices Tax Credit Act
Title: AN ACT reestablishing a tax credit exclusively for geothermal energy devices; allowing the credit to be granted only for applications related to geothermal devices filed on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the tax credit exclusively for geothermal energy devices.
expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025
- CB18-2025** - Introduced by Christiana Rigby
Short Title: Transit Orient Development (TOD) – Residential Units Exemptions
Title: AN ACT Amending the definition of “Moderate income housing units”, establishing and retaining the School Surcharge rate at time of submittal of sketch plan; providing for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Disability Income Housing Units within a Transit Oriented Development (TOD); and exempting Transit Oriented Development (TOD) residential units from the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance School Capacity Test and generally relating to Transit Oriented Developments.
expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025
- CB19-2025** - Introduced by Liz Walsh
Short Title: Lodging Establishments – Prohibition on Hourly Room Rentals
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to prohibit an innkeeper or employee of a lodging establishment in Howard County from providing or offering to provide certain rooms in a lodging establishment for less than a certain period of time; and generally related to lodging establishments.
expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025

CB20-2025 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Excess Surplus Revenue- Modification

Title: AN ACT To modify the restriction on the use of excess surplus revenue pursuant to Section 615B of the Howard County Charter in order to use excess surplus revenue from prior years to fund deferred school capital projects in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget; and generally relating to excess surplus revenue.

expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025

Tabled

Appointments

CR12-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment - Ashley Easley, PH.D. - Commission for Women.

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ashley Easley, PH.D. to the Commission for Women.

CR20-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Margaret R. Gold – Housing and Community Development Board.

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Margaret R. Gold to the Housing and Community Development Board.

CR27-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Yeimy Benitez - La Alianza Latina Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Yeimy Benitez to the La Alianza Latina Commission.

CR41-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment– Theresa Thomas - Opioid Restitution Fund Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Theresa Thomas to the Opioid Restitution Fund Commission.

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