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Agenda

Legislative Session – Budget Adoption
Wednesday, May 21, 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)
12:00 p.m.

Legislative Session

Day # 8

Approve Minutes

Budget Work Session (Capital #2) – April 23, 2025
Budget Work Session (Capital #3) – April 28, 2025
Special Meeting to Hold Closed Session – April 28, 2025

Final Consideration

Financial (Non- Budget)

SAO1-FY2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Supplementary Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – Department of Public Works - \$2,000,000

Title: AN ACT transferring \$2,000,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses related to snow removal

CB32-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Emergency Appropriation – Risk Management Self-Insurance Fund - \$500,000

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 2025 to provide additional spending authority in the Risk Management Self-Insurance fund due to unanticipated and high value claims; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property

expires – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

CR88-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Board of Education – Fiscal Year 2025- Operating Budget Transfer and Supplemental Appropriation

Title: A RESOLUTION approving supplemental appropriation to increase the Howard County Board of Education (BOE) Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 by \$5,533,181 to cover estimated overages in certain categories, with supplemental funding identified from increased state aid, higher than budgeted interest income, and additional use of BOE fund balance; and also approving certain transfers between major categories; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget of the Board of Education

Budget

CB34-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Pay Plan for Fiscal Year 2026

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, 2025 and January 1, 2026, in certain instances; amending provisions that govern compensatory time; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County

expires – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

CB35-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Classification Plan Amendment- Director and Deputy Director of the Department of General Services

Title: AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County to establish the class code, pay grade, qualifications, duties, and general requirements for the Director and Deputy Director of the Department of General Services; and generally relating to the Howard County Classification Plan

expires – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

CB45-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Use of Excess Surplus Revenue – up to \$14,500,000 – FY26 Operating Budget of the Board of Education – Emergency Act

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 further support the Operating Budget request of the Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget; providing that this act shall be temporary and shall expire by June 30, 2026; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet an immediate emergency affecting public health, safety or welfare.

expires – 07/21/2025; extended – 08/25/2025; extended twice – 09/29/2025

CB36-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – Fiscal Year 2026

Title: AN ACT adopting the current expense budget and the capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2026

expires – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

CB37-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Bond authorizing – various General County Projects - \$103,139,518

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$103,139,518 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 2026 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 – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

CB38-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Bond authorizing - General County projects - \$54,652,000 – Capital Project C0364

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$54,652,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain General County projects as more particularly described in the County's 2026 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 collected by the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith

expires – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

CB39-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Bond authorizing- County road construction projects –Excise Tax Projects - \$8,131,789

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount of up to \$8,131,789 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 2026 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 – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

CB40-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Bond authorizing–County water and sewer capital projects– Metropolitan District \$81,031,054

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$81,031,054 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 2026 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 – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

CB41-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Bond authorizing– General County projects – Capital Project C0337- \$23,200,000

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$23,200,000 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 2026 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 – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

CB42-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Bond authorizing– Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund - \$14,276,000

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$14,276,000 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 2026 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 – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

CB43-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Bond authorizing– Non-County Government BBI Fund and the Private Sector BBI Fund - \$1,000,000

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$1,000,000 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 broadband projects as more particularly described in the County's 2026 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 – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025

- CB44-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Authorize – Installment Purchase Agreements – Capital Project G0164 -\$16,947,400
Title: AN ACT to authorize and empower Howard County, Maryland, to enter into installment purchase agreements to acquire development rights in agricultural lands located within the County (Project No. G 0164), for an aggregate purchase price of not more than for \$16,947,400, plus interest thereon; providing that the County’s obligation to pay the purchase price under and interest on such agreements shall be a general obligation of the County made upon its full faith and credit; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with the portion of the transfer tax imposed on transfers of real property in Howard County which is dedicated to agricultural land preservation and other available funds, to provide for the payment of the purchase price under and interest on any agreements so entered into; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith
expires – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025
- CR89-2025** - 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 2027 through 2031 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2032 through 2035
- CR90-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Howard Community College – Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Title: A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories
- CR91-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Howard County Library System- Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Title: A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Howard County Library System and indicating appropriations for object classes
- CR92-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Howard County Board of Education – Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Title: A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education
- CR93-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Health Department – Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Title: A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Howard County Health Department and indicating appropriations for object classes
- CR94-2025** - 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
- CR95-2025** - 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
- CR96-2025** - 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

- CR97-2025** - 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
- CR98-2025** - 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
- CR99-2025** - 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
- CR100-2025** - 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
- CR101-2025** - 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
- CR102-2025** - 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
- CR103-2025** - 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
- CR104-2025** - 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
- CR105-2025** - 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

CR106-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Admissions and Amusement Tax – Fiscal Year 2026

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

CR107-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Building Excise Tax – Fiscal Year 2026

Title: A RESOLUTION adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax

CR108-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Fire and Rescue Tax – Fiscal Year 2026

Title: A RESOLUTION levying a fire and rescue tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 and setting the tax rate for the fire and rescue tax

CR109-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Property Tax – Fiscal Year 2026

Title: A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax

CR110-2025 - 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

CR111-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Transfer Tax – Fiscal Year 2026

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

CR112-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Recordation Tax – Fiscal Year 2026

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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