

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6
March 5, 2025

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chairperson called the legislative session to order at 7:03 p.m.

Chairperson Liz Walsh, Vice Chairperson Opel Jones, Council Member Christiana Rigby, Council Member Deb Jung, and Council Member David Yungmann were present.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Chris Ashman, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Assistant were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL AND MINUTES

The Chairperson moved to approve the Journal of: Legislative Session – April 7, 2025

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the Journal was: Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Journals passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve the Minutes of:

Budget Work Session (Capital #1) – April 21, 2025
Budget Presentation by the County Executive – April 21, 2025
Legislative Public Hearing – April 21, 2025
Monthly Meeting – April 22, 2025
Budget Public Hearing (Capital) – April 23, 2025
Budget Public Hearing (Education) – April 30, 2025

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the minutes was: Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the minutes passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Introduction

Appointments

- CR81-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Jennifer Jenkins - Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jennifer Jenkins to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board
- CR82-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Frank V. Eastham Jr.- Local Children's Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Frank V. Eastham Jr. to the Howard County Local Children's Board
- CR83-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Cristiana Little - La Alianza Latina Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Cristiana Little to the La Alianza Latina Commission
- CR84-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Jeff Rubin – Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jeff Rubin to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

Reappointments

- CR85-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment - Nina Basu – Human Rights Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Nina Basu to the Human Rights Commission
- CR86-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment - Dr. Daria J. Willis – Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dr. Daria J. Willis to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority
- CR87-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Jimmy Rhee – Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jimmy Rhee to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority

Financial

- 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
- CB33-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive Co-sponsor(s) Opel Jones and Christiana Rigby
Short Title: Public Safety Officer Tax Credit- Auxiliary Officers
Title: AN ACT for purposes of the property tax credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers, amending the definition of Public Safety Officer to include Auxiliary Officers; providing the tax credit in certain instances; making certain clarifying amendments; removing redundant provisions; and generally relating to the property tax credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers *expires – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025*

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*

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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FINAL CONSIDERATION

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

- 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
- 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

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolutions 65; 66; 67; 68; 69; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 76; 77; 78; and 79-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 65; 66; 67; 68; 69; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 76; 77; 78; and 79-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 65; 66; 67; 68; 69; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 76; 77; 78; and 79-2025 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to Table CR 70-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to Table CR 70-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to Table CR 70-2025 passed.

Financial

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

The Chairperson moved to approve CR80-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR80-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR80-2025 passed.

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

The Chairperson moved to approve CB22-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB22-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh.

The motion to approve CB22-2025 passed.

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

The Chairperson moved to approve CB23-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB23-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB23-2025 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to extend the life of CB24-2025 to 07/21/2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to extend the life of CB24-2025 to 07/21/2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, and Rigby. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to extend the life of CB24-2025 to 07/21/2025 passed.

Chairperson moved to Table CB24-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to Table CB24-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, and Rigby. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to Table CB24-2025 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to extend the life of CB25-2025 to 07/21/2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to extend the life of CB25-2025 to 07/21/2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to extend the life of CB25-2025 to 07/21/2025 passed.

Chairperson moved to Table CB25-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to Table CB25-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, and Rigby. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to Table CB25-2025 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to extend the life of CB26-2025 to 07/21/2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to extend the life of CB26-2025 to 07/21/2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to extend the life of CB26-2025 to 07/21/2025 passed.

Chairperson moved to Table CB26-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to Table CB26-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, and Rigby. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to Table CB26-2025 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve CB27-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB27-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, and Jung. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB27-2025 failed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve CB28-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB28-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung.

The motion to approve CB28-2025 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve CB29-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB29-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to approve C29-2025 failed.

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

The Chairperson moved to approve CB30-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Ms. Jung moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB30-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to CB30-2025

(This Amendment amends the proposed language of the membership criteria for the Human Rights Commission for consistency with criteria of other commissions in the Code.)

Ms. Jung moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to CB30-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to CB30-2025

(This Amendment removes the proposed membership criteria language, strikes the proposed amendment language, and renumbers accordingly.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to CB30-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to CB30-2025 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 CB30-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 CB 30-2025 as amended passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB30-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB30-2025 as amended passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve CB 31-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB31-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB31-2025 passed.

Tabled

Appointments

CR20-2025 - *Short Title:* Appointment – Margaret R. Gold – Housing and Community Development Board.

Chairperson moved to remove CR20-2025 from the Table

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove CR20-2025 from the Table was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to remove CR20-2025 from the Table passed.

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.

Chairperson moved to approve CR20-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR20-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR20-2025 passed.

CB18-2025 - *Short Title:* Transit Orient Development (TOD) – Residential Units Exemptions expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025

Chairperson moved to remove CB18-2025 from the Table

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove CB18-2025 from the Table was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to remove CB18-2025 from the Table passed.

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

STATUS

A1 to CB18-2025 Failed

A2 to CB18-2025 Passed

A1 to A3 to CB18-2025 Failed

A2 to A3 to CB18-2025 Passed

Chairperson announced: As a reminder, Council Bill 18 has already been moved and seconded. We have already voted on Amendments 1 through Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 and are starting with Amendment 3 as amended.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 3 to CB18-2025 as amended was Nay: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 3 to CB18-2025 as amended failed.

Ms. Jung moved to approve Amendment 4 to CB 18-2025.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment 4 to CB18-2025

(This amendment requires a fixed amount of Disability Income Housing Units (DIHUs) and Moderate Income Housing Units (MIHUs), and amends the proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) exemption.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 4 to CB18-2025 was Yea: Council Member Jung. Nay: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 4 to CB18-2025 failed.

Ms. Walsh moves to approve Amendment 5 to CB18-2025.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment 5 to CB18-2025

(This Amendment clarifies that the exemption from the adequate school facilities test as a condition for approval would only apply to subdivisions and site plans submitted after the effective date of this legislation.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 5 to CB18-2025 was Yea: Council Member Jung. Nay: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 5 to CB18-2025 failed.

Ms. Walsh moved to approve Amendment 6 to CB18-2025. The motion failed to receive a second.

Ms. Rigby moved to approve Amendment 7 to CB18-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 7 to CB18-2025

(This amendment does the following:

1. adds a requirement 25% of all dwelling units constructed under the bill be built according to either the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards or International Code Council Guidelines;
2. requires 5% of dwelling units to be Disability income housing units, and 15% of housing units as moderate income housing units, low income housing units, or disability income housing units;
3. establishes a sunset provision of 2033;
4. and adds reporting requirements)

Ms. Walsh moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 7 to CB18-2025.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 7 to CB18-2025

(This amendment provides clarity to proposed amended language)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 7 to CB18-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 7 to CB18-2025 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 7 to CB18-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung.

The motion to approve Amendment 7 to CB18-2025 as amended passed.

Ms. Walsh moves to approve Amendment 8 to CB18-2025.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 8 to CB18-2025

(This Amendment attaches exhibits to this Act for the purpose of deliberation regarding the applicability of this Act..)

Ms. Walsh withdrew the motion to approve Amendment 8 to CB18-2025.

Dr. Jones withdrew the second to the motion.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB18-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh and Jung.

The motion to approve CB18-2025 as amended passed.

Other Business

Rule 1.007(b)(1), June Legislative Amendment Prefile would be Wednesday, July 2, 2025. Due to the building closure by the County Executive for Energy Saving Days, that week is no longer available for staff to be onsite for printing and distributing. For this reason, I am proposing to set June Legislative Amendment Prefile to Friday, June 27, 2025 at 2 pm

Chairperson moved to suspend to Rule 1.007(b)(1) to change the June Legislative Amendment Prefile from Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 2 pm to Friday, June 27, 2025, at 2 pm.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to suspend to Rule 1.007(b)(1) to change the June Legislative Amendment Prefile from Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 2 pm to Friday, June 27, 2025, at 2 pm. was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to suspend to Rule 1.007(b)(1) to change the June Legislative Amendment Prefile from Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 2 pm to Friday, June 27, 2025, at 2 pm. passed.

Rule 1.002(c)(1), November Legislative Prefile would be Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Due to the building closure by the County Executive for Energy Saving Days, that week is no longer available for staff to be onsite for printing and distributing. For this reason, I am proposing to set November Legislative Prefile to Friday, November 21, 2025, at 2 pm

Chairperson moved to suspend to Rule 1.002(c)(1) to change the November Legislative Prefile from Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 2 pm to Friday, November 21, 2025, at 2 pm.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Ms. Walsh withdrew the motion to to suspend to Rule 1.002(c)(1) to change the November Legislative Prefile from Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 2 pm to Friday, November 21, 2025, at 2 pm.

Dr. Jones withdrew the second to the motion.

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.