

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2025 Legislative Session

**Legislative Day No.10
July 07, 2025**

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chair called the legislative session to order at **7:02** p.m.

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

Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jen Sager, Legislative Coordinator; James Almon, Senior Administrative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; and Trish Hammond, Administrative Assistant were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL

The Chair moved to approve the Journal of:

Legislative Session – June 2, 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 Journal passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Chair moved to approve the Minutes of:

Joint Meeting with Board of Education – June 9, 2025

Legislative Public Hearing – June 16, 2025

Legislative Work Session – June 23, 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.

LATE FILED

CR144-2025 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Appointment- Marisa McCurdy – Board of Appeals

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Marisa McCurdy to the Howard County Board of Appeals.

The Chair moved to amend the agenda adding Council Resolution 144-2025 to the agenda for Introduction as Late Filed legislation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to amend the agenda adding Council Resolution 144-2025 to the agenda for Introduction as Late Filed legislation was: Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to amend the agenda adding Council Resolution 144-2025 to the agenda for Introduction as Late Filed legislation passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Appointments

CR117-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Ira R. Greenstein – Pension Oversight Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ira R. Greenstein to the Pension Oversight Commission

CR118-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Mark Lovelace – Police Accountability Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mark Lovelace to the Police Accountability Board

CR120-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointing - Keshava Dasarathy – Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Keshava Dasarathy to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

CR121-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointing- Patrick Fromal - Economic Development Authority Board of Directors

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Patrick Fromal to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority

CR122-2025 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Appointment – Meagan Braganca - Citizens’ Election Fund Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Meagan Braganca to the Citizens’ Election Fund Commission

CR123-2025 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby

Short Title: Appointment – Matt Dellinger - Citizens’ Election Fund Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Matt Dellinger to the Citizens’ Election Fund Commission

CR124-2025 - Introduced by David Yungmann

Short Title: Appointment – Steven H. Wilson - Citizens’ Election Fund Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Steven H. Wilson to the Citizens’ Election Fund Commission

CR125-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment - Ellen Flynn Giles – Compensation Review Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Ellen Flynn Giles to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026

CR126-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Valarie Montague – Compensation Review Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Valarie Montague to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026

CR127-2025 - Introduced by Opel Jones

Short Title: Appointment – Kia Payne – Compensation Review Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Kia Payne to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026

CR128-2025 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby

Short Title: Appointment – Rashida George – Compensation Review Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Rashida George to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation

concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026

CR129-2025 - Introduced by Deb Jung

Short Title: Appointment – Ginnie Gick – Compensation Review Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Ginnie Gick to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026

CR130-2025 - Introduced by David Yungmann

Short Title: Appointment – Scott Houghton – Compensation Review Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Scott Houghton to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026

CR144-2025 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Appointment – Marisa McCurdy – Board of Appeals

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Marisa McCurdy to the Howard County Board of Appeals

CR131-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Walter L. Davis – Housing and Community Development Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Walter L. Davis to the Housing and Community Development Board

CR132-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Phillip Dodge – Board of Library Trustees

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Phillip Dodge to the Board of Library Trustees

CR133-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Kelly L. Smith – Board of Library Trustees

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kelly L. Smith to the Board of Library Trustees

CR134-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Andrea LeWinter – Economic Development Authority Board of Directors

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Andrea LeWinter to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority

CR135-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Kimberly T. Davis – Environmental Sustainability Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kimberly T. Davis to the Environmental Sustainability Board

- CR136-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Lawrence R. Liebesman - Environmental Sustainability Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Lawrence R. Liebesman to the Environmental Sustainability Board
- CR137-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Kim Pezza - Environmental Sustainability Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kim Pezza to the Environmental Sustainability Board
- CR138-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Greta E. Swanson, J.D. - Environmental Sustainability Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Greta E. Swanson, J.D. to the Environmental Sustainability Board
- CR139-2025** - Introduced by Opel Jones
Short Title: Reappointment – Douglas R. Miller - Citizens' Election Fund Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION reappointing Douglas R. Miller to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission
- CR140-2025** - Introduced by Deb Jung
Short Title: Reappointment- Nadine Bernard - Citizens' Election Fund Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION reappointing Nadine Bernard to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission

Financial

- CB53-2025** - 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 – 09/15/2025; extended – 10/20/2025; extended twice – 11/24/2025
- CR141-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Amendment - Board of Education Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget - \$22,646,686
Title: A RESOLUTION amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget, as adopted by Council Resolution No. 92-2025, to add a

total of \$22,646,686, which includes \$9,850,766 to the Howard County Public School System General Fund and \$12,795,920 to the School System's restricted funds; and generally relating to the Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

General

- CR142-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Adopting - Howard County Consolidated Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2025-2029 - Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Action Plan Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Consolidated Plan Schedule
Title: A RESOLUTION adopting the Howard County Consolidated Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2025- 2029 for housing including the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Action Plan Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Consolidated Plan Schedule, and granting delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Community Development to sign as the certifying officer for housing and community development plans and activities with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- CR143-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Approving – Solid Waste Management Plan
Title: A RESOLUTION approving a comprehensive revision of the Solid Waste Management Plan as required by State Law
- CB54-2025** - Introduced by Christiana Rigby
Short Title: Building Excise Tax - New Construction – Definition
Title: AN ACT amends the Howard County Code to amend the definition of new construction as it relates to the building excise tax; and generally relating to the building excise tax
expires – 09/15/2025; extended – 10/20/2025; extended twice – 11/24/2025
- CB55-2025 (ZRA 213)** - Introduced by Liz Walsh
Short Title: ZRA 213 - Age Restricted Adult Housing in Planned Employment Center (PEC) zoning district and Moderate-Income Housing Unit requirements
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow Age Restricted Adult Housing as a permitted use in the Planned Employment Center (PEC) zoning district, with additional requirements; amending the Moderate-Income Housing Unit (MIHU) requirements for Age-Restricted Units in the R-SI, POR, CCT, CEF and PSC zoning districts to require at least 5% Low-Income Housing Units (LIHU) or Disability Income Housing Units (DIHU); and generally related to MIHUs
expires – 09/15/2025; extended – 10/20/2025; extended twice – 11/24/2025
- CB56-2025** - Introduced by Liz Walsh
Short Title: On-site MIHU, LIHU & DIHU requirement for Age-Restricted Adult Housing developments
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require that Moderate Income, Low Income, and Disability Income Housing Units that are developed in an Age Restricted Adult Housing development, be developed on-site; and generally relating to Moderate, Low, and Disability Income Housing Units
expires – 09/15/2025; extended – 10/20/2025; extended twice – 11/24/2025

CB57-2025 - Introduced by David Yungmann at the request of the Board of Appeals

Short Title: Adoption – Updated Rules of Procedure for the Howard County Board of Appeals

Title: AN ACT repealing and re-enacting Subtitle 2 “Rules of Procedure of the Board of Appeals” of Title 2 “Administrative Procedure” of the Howard County Code to revise the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Appeals; and generally relating to the Rules of Procedure

expires – 09/15/2025; extended – 10/20/2025; extended twice – 11/24/2025

FINAL CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

Financial

CB46-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reestablishing – Route 1 Tax Credit

Title: AN ACT reestablishing a tax credit against the County tax imposed on certain commercial or industrial real property located adjacent to Route 1 that is renovated, upgraded, or rehabilitated, under certain conditions; establishing the amount, terms, conditions, and duration of the credit; providing for an application procedure and administration of the credit; establishing a sunset provision; and generally relating to property tax credits

expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 46-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 46-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 46-2025 passed.

General

CB47-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000 – Collective Bargaining Agreement

Title: Approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2027 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000

expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 47-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 47-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 47-2025 passed.

CB48-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Pay Plan Amendment – Specialty Pays for Fire Management employees

Title: AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County to provide for certain specialty pay for management employees in the Department of Fire and Rescue Service; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County

expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 48-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 48-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 48-2025 passed.

CB49-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Amendment of Lease Agreement – 13,500 rentable square feet – 9515 Gerwig Lane

Title: AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving an Amendment of Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Merritt-HR, LLC for the lease of approximately 13,500 rentable square feet of space located at 9515 Gerwig Lane, Columbia, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement

expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 49-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 49-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to CB49-2025

(This corrects the square footage in the Amendment of Lease Agreement and makes a technical correction.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 49-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 48-2025 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 49-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 48-2025 as amended passed.

CB50-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Third Amendment of Lease Agreement – approximately 8,188 rentable square feet - 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive

Title: AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Third Amendment of Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and P Portfolio Owner, LLC for the lease of approximately 8,188 rentable square feet of space located at 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement

expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 50-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 50-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 50-2025 passed.

CR113-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting the School Capacity Chart

Title: A RESOLUTION adopting the School Capacity Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the elementary school regions, and the elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools constrained for new residential development during each of the following ten years as based on the definition of program capacity as defined by Howard County Public School System policy and requiring a certain joint special work meeting in accordance with Section 16.1103(d) of the Howard County Code

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolution 113-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 113-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh

The motion to approve Council Resolution 113-2025 passed.

CR114-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart

Title: A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolution 114-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Council Member Jung moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution 114-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

Amendment 1 to CR114-2025

(This Amendment prohibits Activity Center allocations from being granted by the Department of Planning & Zoning (DPZ) until Activity Centers are defined in the Zoning Regulations)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution 114-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh and Jung. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution 114-2025 failed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 114-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jung and Walsh.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 114-2025 passed.

CR115-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Correction – Council Resolution No. 152-2023

Title: A RESOLUTION correcting the consideration included in Council Resolution No. 152-2023 that the State of Maryland, Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration would pay for certain fee simple and perpetual easements

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolution 115-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution 115-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to CR115-2025

(This is a technical amendment to correct what should be stricken from the underlying Council Resolution No. 152-2023.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution 115-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution 115-2025 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 115-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 115-2025 as amended passed.

CB51-2025 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Speed Monitoring Systems-Removal of Limitation on Number of Speed Monitoring Systems

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to remove the limit on the number of Speed Monitoring Systems permitted within a designated school zone and generally related to Speed Monitoring Systems in Howard County
expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 51-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 51-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 51-2025 passed.

CB52-2025 - Introduced by Opel Jones

Short Title: Traffic Control and Transportation – Commercial Vehicle Parking in Residential Areas – Penalties

Title: AN ACT to revise the penalties for parking commercial motor vehicles in residential areas and generally relating to parking of commercial motor vehicles
expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025

The Vice Chair moved to approve Council Bill 52-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 52-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 52-2025 passed.

CR116-2025 - Introduced by Opel Jones

Short Title: Schedule of Fines – Commercial Motor Vehicle Parking in Residential Areas - Citations – Department of Police

Title: A RESOLUTION approving a schedule of fines and penalties for violations of and administrative costs related to the enforcement of Howard County's parking laws, specifically increasing fines for parking citations for commercial motor vehicle parking in residential areas violations; allowing the Department of Police to embark on a public education campaign about the increased fines for commercial motor vehicles parking on residential areas violations; and generally relating to increased fines for commercial motor vehicles parking in residential area violations

The Vice Chair moved to approve Council Resolution 116-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 116-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 116-2025 passed.

Tabled

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

The Chair moved to remove Council Bill 24-2025 from the table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove Council Bill 24-2025 from the table was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to remove Council Bill 24-2025 from the table passed.

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment adopts by reference Appendix CB Solar-Ready Zone-Commercial and Appendix RB Solar-Ready Provisions-Detached One-and Two-Family Dwellings and Townhouses of the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code to be included in the Howard County Building Code)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 24-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, and Rigby. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 24-2025 passed.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

Amendment 2 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment adopts by reference Appendix CF Energy Credits of the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code to be included in the Howard County Building Code.)

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment to Amendment inserts language that the provisions of the Amendment shall be applicable upon the application of a building permit filed on or after the United States Department of Energy releases the most updated version of the ComCheck Building Energy Code Program)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung and Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025 passed.

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

Amendment 2 to Amendment 2 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment to Amendment exempts restaurants from the requirements of Appendix CF)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung and Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025 passed.

Council Member Jung moved to approve Amendment 3 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Yungmann.

Amendment 3 to Amendment 2 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment to Amendment exempts standalone restaurants from the requirements of Appendix CF)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 3 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Rigby and Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 3 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, and Rigby. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025 as amended passed.

Council Member Rigby moved to reconsider Amendment 2 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

Council Member Rigby withdrew motion to reconsider Amendment 2 to Amendment 2.

Council Member Walsh withdrew the second motion.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 3 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 3 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment adopts by reference Appendix CG Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure of the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code to be included in the Howard County Building Code.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 3 to Council Bill 24-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Walsh. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 3 to Council Bill 24-2025 passed.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 4 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

Amendment 4 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment adopts by reference Appendix CH Electric-Ready Commercial Building Provisions to the Howard County Building Code)

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 4 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was not seconded.

Amendment 2 to Amendment 4 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment to Amendment exempts standalone restaurants from the requirements of Appendix CF)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 4 to Council Bill 24-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Rigby and Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 4 to Council Bill 24-2025 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 4 as amended to Council Bill 24-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Walsh. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 4 as amended to Council Bill 24-2025 passed.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 5 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rigby.

Amendment 5 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment adopts by reference Appendix RG 2024 IECC Stretch Code of the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code to be included in the Howard County Building Code)

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 5 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 5 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment to Amendment inserts language that the provisions of the Amendment shall be applicable upon the application of a building permit filed on or after the United States Department of Energy releases the most updated version of the REScheck Building Energy Code Program)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 5-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung and Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 5 to Council Bill 24-2025 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 5 to CB24-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Walsh. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 5 to Council Bill 24-2025 as amended passed.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 6 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rigby.

Amendment 6 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment adopts by reference Appendix RK Electric-Ready Residential Building Provisions of the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code to be included in the Howard County Building Code)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 6 to CB24-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Walsh. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 6 to Council Bill 24-2025 as amended passed.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 7 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was not seconded.

Amendment 7 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment provides additional energy efficiency requirements for new residential construction in the Howard County Building Code.)

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 8 to Council Bill 24-2025. The motion was not seconded.

Amendment 8 to CB24-2025

(This Amendment increases efficiency standards for HVAC systems for renovations and additions)

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

The motion to approve Council Bill 24-2025 as amended 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

The Chair moved to remove Council Bill 25-2025 from the table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

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

The motion to remove Council Bill 25-2025 from the table passed.

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 25-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

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

The motion to approve Council Bill 25-2025 passed.

CB26-2025 -Short Title: Adopting – Plumbing and Gasfitting Code
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

The Chair moved to remove Council Bill 26-2025 from the table. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jung.

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

The motion to remove Council Bill 26-2025 from the table passed.

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 26-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

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

The motion to approve Council Bill 26-2025 passed.

Adjourned at 9:17 p.m.