



# Howard County Council

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## September 2016 Legislative Schedule Overview for Legislation Regarding Downtown Columbia

On July 29, 2016, the County Council tabled all pending legislation related to Downtown Columbia. The timeline below outlines the Council's legislative schedule for September with brief descriptions of the process the Council will follow at each meeting.

### **Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m. – regular legislative session**

*This is the Council's regular legislative session for September. In order to allow continued consideration of the legislative packages regarding Downtown Columbia, the Council will need to extend the life of the bills which are currently tabled. Legislative sessions are open meetings. The public is welcome to attend; however, testimony is not taken at a legislative session.*

### **Monday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. – legislative work session on Downtown Columbia**

*The Council will hold a special legislative work session on Downtown Columbia. Legislative work sessions are open meetings. The public is welcome to attend; however, testimony is not taken at a work session.*

### **Monday, September 19, 7:00 p.m. – regular legislative public hearing**

*This is the Council's regular legislative public hearing for legislation introduced at the September 6 legislative session. The Council does not typically hear testimony on tabled legislation.*

### **Thursday, September 22, 6:00 p.m. – special public hearing on Downtown Columbia**

*This will be an additional public hearing on the tabled Downtown Columbia legislation for those individuals who were unable to testify at either of the July public hearings. All of the Downtown legislation will be heard together as a group. Members of the public who have not previously testified on this legislation will have the opportunity to testify on any or all of the Downtown legislation. Each person, whether testifying as an individual or as the representative of an organization, will have up to five minutes to testify, with an additional minute if the testimony will address both affordable housing and the proposed TIF.*

### **Monday, September 26, 4:30 p.m. – regular legislative work session**

*This is the Council's regular legislative work session for September. As is standard practice, the agenda for the work session will be determined following the regular*

*legislative public hearing. It is anticipated that this work session will include further discussion of the Downtown-related legislation, and it may include other legislation as well. Legislative work sessions are open meetings. The public is welcome to attend; however, testimony is not taken at a work session.*

The Council is committed to allowing ample opportunity for public testimony. Please remember that written testimony can be submitted at any time. Testimony emailed to [Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) will be received by all members of the County Council.

### **Downtown-Related Legislation**

For your convenience, a complete list of all tabled legislation related to Downtown Columbia is provided below. Please note that the following legislation is introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:

Council Bill 43-2016 – Introduced by Jennifer Terrasa; AN ACT amending the Downtown Columbia Plan to establish an Affordable Housing Inclusionary Zoning provision for Downtown Columbia, under certain conditions; amending certain Community Enhancements, Programs, and Public Amenities (CEPPAs) requirements regarding affordable housing; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

Council Bill 44-2016 (ZRA 162) – Introduced by Jennifer Terrasa; AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' New Town (NT) District Downtown Revitalization regulations to include a 15 percent Affordable Housing Inclusionary Zoning provision for Downtown Columbia, under certain conditions; and generally relating to the NT District.

Council Bill 45-2016 – Introduced by Jennifer Terrasa; AN ACT amending the Howard County Code's Downtown Columbia provisions regarding affordable housing payments required by Community Enhancements, Programs, and Public Amenities (CEPPAs) to reflect an inclusionary zoning provision for Downtown Columbia; and generally relating to affordable housing in Downtown Columbia.

Council Bill 52-2016 – AN ACT amending the *Downtown Columbia Plan*, a General Plan Amendment, to revise the Downtown Columbia affordable housing program; setting forth methods for the development of affordable housing; revising the Downtown Revitalization Phasing Progression to reflect the timing of affordable housing development; amending certain Community Enhancements, Programs and Public Amenities to reflect the methods for the development of affordable housing; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

Council Bill 53-2016 – AN ACT amending *PlanHoward 2030*, the general plan for Howard County, in order to amend the number of housing unit allocations available to developers of new residential units in Downtown Columbia for the period 2015 - 2030; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

Council Bill 54-2016 (ZRA 170) – AN ACT requiring a new configuration of affordable housing in Downton Columbia under certain conditions with certain alternatives; amending and providing for certain parking requirements related to residential units in Downtown Columbia; providing certain requirements for certain plans; requiring that certain types of construction provide for art in the community; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Council Bill 55-2016 – AN ACT amending the County Code by clarifying that certain moderate income housing units are provided in certain Zoning Districts as required by the Howard County Zoning Regulations or when required by certain plans; exempting Downtown Columbia from a certain provision of the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance; amending certain payments for affordable housing required by each developer of residential property within Downtown Columbia under certain conditions; and generally relating to development in Downtown Columbia.

Council Resolution 103-2016 – A RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the execution of a Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement by Howard Research And Development Corporation and Howard County in accordance with Title 16, Subtitle 17 of the Howard County Code; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; providing for the effective date of this Resolution, and generally relating to the Agreement.

Council Resolution 104-2016 – A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive’s sale of certain real property known as the “Flier Building” owned by Howard County, Maryland, containing approximately 2.159 acres, and located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway, Maryland; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use.

Council Resolution 105-2016 – A RESOLUTION adopted pursuant to Sections 12-201 et seq. of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the “Tax Increment Financing Act”) and Sections 21-501 et seq. of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the “Special Taxing District Act”, and collectively with the Tax Increment Financing Act, the “Acts”) providing for the designation of contiguous property in the downtown Columbia area of Howard County as a development district for purposes of the Tax Increment Financing Act (the “Development District”) and for the designation of a separate area within the development district as a special taxing district for the purposes of the Special Taxing District Act (the “Special Taxing District”, and collectively with the Development District, the “Districts”); creating certain special funds pursuant to the Acts; providing for the deposit and use of moneys in such special funds; pledging that the County will allocate and divide property taxes on real property within the Development District so that the portion of the real property taxes levied on the amount by which the assessable base of the real property in the Development District exceeds the original taxable value (the “Tax Increment”) will be allocated and paid into one of the

special funds, and providing for the levy and collection of special taxes or ad valorem taxes to be deposited to the other special fund in the event the real property taxes levied on the Tax Increment are or will be insufficient to pay debt service on certain bonds issued under the Acts; and providing for, finding, and determining matters in connection therewith.

Council Bill 56-2016 – AN ORDINANCE levying and providing for the collection of a special tax on property within the special taxing district in the downtown Columbia area of Howard County, Maryland known as the “Crescent Special Taxing District” (the “Special Taxing District”) pursuant to the Rate and Method identified herein and for various matters relating thereto; authorizing and empowering the County to issue up to \$90,000,000 of its special obligation bonds at a maximum interest rate not to exceed 12% per annum in order to finance or reimburse the cost of certain public improvements relating to the Special Taxing District and the Development District (as defined herein) and other costs permitted under the Acts (as identified herein); providing that such bonds and the interest thereon shall never constitute a general obligation of the County or a pledge of its full faith and credit; providing for the further specification, prescription, determination, provision for or approval of various other matters, details, documents and procedures in connection with the authorization, issuance, security, sale and payment for any such bonds; making certain legislative findings; and generally providing for the levy, imposition, collection and application of such special tax and the issuance of an initial series of bonds in accordance with the Acts identified herein.