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HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL

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Howard County Council Seeks Requests for Quotations for a Zoning Counsel

Ellicott City, MD (October 28, 2025) – The County Council of Howard County is seeking Request for Quotations for a part-time Zoning Counsel to advise the Howard County Zoning Board. **The deadline to submit the request for quotation is Monday November 17th, 2025.** Submissions of Request for Quote can be made here councilboard@howardcountymd.gov.

The prospective Zoning Counsel must be a member in good standing of the Bar of the Maryland Supreme Court and must have been actively engaged in the practice of law for at least five years. The Zoning Counsel is responsible for appearing at all evidentiary hearings, before the Howard County Zoning Board and the Hearing Examiner. The Zoning Counsel may present evidence and witnesses, examine and cross-examine witnesses, and present arguments, however, they do not represent the County, are not a party to a case and do not have a right of appeal in connection with any case. The Zoning Counsel shall be available at the request of the County Council to advise all persons interested in any zoning matter as to procedures before a Howard County agency or board, speak to any group about zoning procedures in the County, and attend certain presubmission community meetings as necessary.

The submission for the Request for Quote shall include the qualifications of the prospective Zoning Counsel, examples of similar work or cases the prospective Zoning Counsel has completed, and references from clients in which similar work was performed. The Zoning Counsel is prohibited from representing any client before the Howard County Zoning Board or Board of Appeals for one year after leaving the position.

A pre-bid conference will be held virtually via WebEx on November 4th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss objectives and answer questions. The prospective Zoning Counsel's attendance is not required at the pre-bid conference but it is strongly encouraged.

Interested bidders may review the [Request for Quotations here](#). For more information about the Howard County Zoning Board, visit [Zoning Board | Howard County](#). For any questions regarding the Request for Quote process, please email Michelle Harrod, Howard County Council Administrator at mrharrod@howardcountymd.gov.

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