

Council Resolution 25-2026 Fiscal Analysis

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- **Legislative Intent:** This resolution proposes to call the County Council into Legislative Sessions during the following dates and times: May 20, 2026 (12:00PM) for budget adoption, July 29, 2026 (10:00AM) wrap up session prior to August recess, and October 28, 2026 (10:00AM) to close out the term of the 2022 – 2026 County Council. These meetings are not held on the first Monday of the month and therefore require legislative action by the Council.

ANALYSIS

Fiscal Impact:

- Section 208(b) of the Howard County Charter indicates “*the Council shall meet for the purpose of enacting legislation on the first Monday of each month and on such additional days as it may provide by resolution.*”
- This resolution proposes the dates the Council intends to schedule the legislative session for the purpose of budget adoption and wrap up prior to August recess.
- In addition, this resolution proposes the date for the close out session prior to the end of the Council term. This legislative session occurs once every four years and is typically held at the end of October during the last year of a Council term.
- Costs incurred are included in the existing operating budget for the Council. There is no fiscal impact on the FY2026 budget.

Budget Implications:

- The FY2026 budget includes appropriation to support these three legislative sessions. No additional cost is expected to be incurred as a result of the legislation.

Other Notes:

N/A