

Bill No. 29-06
Concerning: Housing Advisory
Commission – Establishment
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmember Silverman

AN ACT to:

- (1) establish a Housing Advisory Commission; and
- (2) generally amend the housing policy law.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 25B, Housing Policy
Section 25B-7

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 25B-7 is amended as follows:**

2 **25B-7. [Reserved] Housing Advisory Commission.**

3 (a) Definition. In this section “Commission” means the Housing Advisory
4 Commission.

5 (b) Established. The County Executive must appoint, subject to
6 confirmation by the County Council, a Housing Advisory Commission.

7 (c) Composition and terms of members.

8 (1) The Commission has 15 members.

9 (2) The Executive must appoint a representative from each of the
10 following departments to serve as ex officio members:

11 (A) the Department of Housing and Community Affairs; and

12 (B) the Department of Health and Human Services;

13 (3) The Executive must invite a representative from each of the
14 following agencies to serve as ex officio members:

15 (A) the County Planning Board; and

16 (B) the Housing Opportunities Commission.

17 (4) The County Executive must appoint individuals from different
18 geographic areas of the County who have significant professional
19 or volunteer experience in affordable housing issues to serve on
20 the Commission. The members should include:

21 (A) nonprofit and for-profit developers of affordable housing;

22 (B) national, state, or local affordable housing policy experts;

23 (C) persons with experience in lending and financial
24 institutions;

25 (D) members of civic and homeowner associations;

26 (E) residents or potential residents of affordable housing;

27 (F) nonprofit providers of services to residents of affordable
28 housing;

- 29 (G) persons involved in real estate sales; and
- 30 (H) other persons with experience in affordable housing issues.
- 31 (5) The term of each member is 3 years. After an appointment to fill
- 32 a vacancy before a term expires, the successor serves the rest of
- 33 the unexpired term.

34 (d) *Voting, officers, meetings, and compensation.*

- 35 (1) All members of the Commission are voting members.
- 36 (2) The Commission must elect a chair and vice-chair from among
- 37 its members to serve 1-year terms.
- 38 (3) The Commission meets at the call of the Chair. The Commission
- 39 must meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, but not less
- 40 than 6 times each year.
- 41 (4) A member must serve without compensation. However, a
- 42 member may request reimbursement for mileage and dependent
- 43 care costs at rates established by the County.

44 (e) *Duties.* The Commission must:

- 45 (1) advise the County Executive and County Council on affordable
- 46 housing policy issues;
- 47 (2) examine national best practices and develop recommendations to
- 48 enhance County efforts to promote and provide affordable
- 49 housing for households of all income levels; and
- 50 (3) recommend priorities for implementation from the County
- 51 Housing Policy.

52 (f) *Annual Report.* By October 1 each year, the Commission must submit

53 to the County Executive and the County Council an annual report on its

54 functions, activities, accomplishments, and plans and objectives.

55 (g) Advocacy. The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity
56 at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the
57 Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

58 (h) Staff. The Chief Administrative Officer must provide appropriate staff
59 to the Commission.

60 **Sec. 2. Transition.** The County Executive may stagger the initial terms of the
61 members appointed under Section 25B-7(c)(4) so that approximately one-third of the
62 terms of these members expire each year.

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66 George L. Leventhal, President, County Council Date

67 *Approved:*

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Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive Date

69 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date