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Effective date _____

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2008 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 4

BILL NO. 26 – 2008

Introduced by: Courtney Watson

Co-sponsored by: Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, and Jennifer Terrasa

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to specify when petitions to amend the text of the zoning regulations may be filed with the County Council; and generally relating to zoning regulation text amendments.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2008. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Having been posted & notice of time & place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2008 and concluded on _____, 2008.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill was read the third time _____, 2008 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments ____, Failed __.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this _____ day of _____, 2008 at _____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Approved/vetoed by the County Executive on _____, 2008.

Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law. ~~Strikeout~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 16.208 “Zoning Regulation Text Amendments.”, of Subtitle 2 “Zoning”, of Title 16
2 “Planning, Zoning and Subdivisions and Land Development Regulations” of the Howard
3 County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:
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5 **Howard County Code**

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7 **Subtitle 2. Zoning**

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9 **Section 16.208. Zoning Regulation Text Amendments.**

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11 [(a) Petition: Any person, the director of the department of planning and zoning, the
12 members of the county council or any duly appointed county board may petition the county
13 council for an amendment, repeal, or change to the text of the zoning regulations.]]
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15 (A) A PETITION TO AMEND OR REPEAL THE TEXT OF A ZONING REGULATION MAY BE FILED
16 WITH THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:
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18 (1) ANY PERSON MAY FILE A PETITION FROM ~~MARCH 1 TO MARCH 31~~ FEBRUARY 1
19 TO FEBRUARY 28, BOTH INCLUSIVE, AND FROM ~~SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30~~
20 AUGUST 1 TO AUGUST 31, BOTH INCLUSIVE; AND
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22 (2) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING OR A
23 MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY FILE A PETITION AT ANY TIME IF IT IS
24 DEEMED BY THE PETITIONER THAT THE PETITION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST,
25 INCLUDING DURING THE PERIODS DESIGNATED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
26 SUBSECTION.
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28 (b) Copy of Petition to Department of Planning and Zoning and Planning Board;
29 Recommendations: The county council shall deliver a copy of the proposed zoning regulation
30 text amendment to the department of planning and zoning and to the planning board. The
31 department of planning and zoning shall prepare and submit a technical staff report and
32 recommendation to the county council on the proposed text amendment petition. The planning
33 board shall also prepare and submit a recommendation to the county council on the proposed
34 text amendment petition.

1 (c) Consideration of Proposed Text Amendment: When exercising the Zoning Authority
2 of Howard County with respect to the consideration of and decision on a proposed zoning
3 regulation text amendment, the county council shall proceed in the following manner:
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5 (1) Introduction of bill. After the county council has:
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7 (i) Received a final technical staff report and recommendation from the
8 department of planning and zoning; and
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10 (ii) A recommendation and report from the planning board; the county
11 council shall introduce a bill proposing the adoption of the text
12 amendment as submitted by the petitioner or as amended pursuant to
13 recommendations of the department of planning and zoning, the
14 planning board or the county council.
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16 (2) County council bill procedures. The county council shall vote on the proposed
17 bill according to county council bill procedures.
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21 ***Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the***
22 ***provisions of this act shall become effective 61 days after enactment and shall remain in effect***
23 ***until January 31, 2011. At the end of January 31, 2011, without further action required by the***
24 ***Council, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.***
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