



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 10/7/2025

Effective Date: 12/12/2025

Reference No.: CB-035-2025

Chapter Number: 35

Draft No.: 2

Public Hearing Date: 10/07/2025 @ 10:00 AM

Proposer(s): Ivey

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Dernoga and Oriadha

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR HOUSING - 2025
REVISIONS for the purpose of removing and re-lettering certain definitions; providing for amending a certain definition; clarifying that all site plans, under certain circumstances, covered under the Site Plan definition in this Division, are approved for a certain exemption; providing for revisions to certain design elements; providing for a certain width for certain exterior door entrances; providing for a certain width for certain lead walks; providing for a certain width for certain hallways on the accessible level; providing for a certain width for certain doorways on the accessible level; providing for a certain width for certain interior hallways in townhouse and two-over-two units; providing for a certain width for certain interior doorways in townhouse and two-over-two units; providing that a waiver shall not be granted under certain circumstances as a condition of approval of a Detailed Site Plan, Special Exception, or a Zoning Map Amendment; and generally regarding Universal Design elements for certain newly constructed residential housing dwelling units.

Drafter: Kathy Canning

Resource Personnel: John W. Sheridan, Policy Director, Council Member Ivey, At-Large

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
04/29/2025	County Council	presented and referred	PHED
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Ivey and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.		
05/15/2025	PHED	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 4 Dernoga, Hawkins, Olson and Oriadha Excused: 1 Harrison		

09/16/2025 County Council introduced

Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Dernoga and Oriadha.

10/07/2025 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

10/07/2025 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

Absent: 3 Blegay, Harrison and Hawkins

10/27/2025 County Executive signed

Action Text:

This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

04-365 04-364 04-359 04-358 04-357 04-356

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

CB-65-2023 (DR-2), CR-70-2023, and CB-85-2024 constitute the legislative package regarding the requirement of the use of specified universal design standards, with the exception of exemptions and waivers granted, to apply to all new single-family attached, single-family detached, two-family, two-over-two's, three-family, and multifamily residential dwelling units constructed in Prince George's County on and after January 1, 2026. This is companion legislation to the zoning bill that removes the Universal Design Green Standard's Table from the Zoning Ordinance. This bill removes two definitions and makes technical amendments to the current universal design law regarding certain clearance requirements for identified universal design elements.

Document(s): CB-035-2025 - signed pdf, B2025035, CB-035-2025 Report, CB-035-2025 PAFI, CB-035-2025 OOL Comments