



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 9/12/2023

Effective Date: 11/20/2023

Reference No.: CB-065-2023

Chapter Number: 53

Draft No.: 2

Public Hearing Date: 09/06/2023 @ 11:00 AM

Proposer(s): Ivey, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR HOUSING for the purpose of ensuring safe and inclusive residential dwelling options in future housing developments for all County residents, regardless of their ability, disability or functionality in a universally designed environment; regarding certain definitions; regarding a certain application and certain exemptions; regarding universally designed features; regarding universally designed features for certain types of housing construction; regarding the potential waiver of certain requirements by the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement in certain instances; regarding County amendments to applicable Codes; regarding the conflict of laws; regarding establishing a Universal Design Implementation Workgroup by Resolution; and generally regarding Universal Design elements for residential dwelling units.

Drafter: Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: John Sheridan, Policy Director, District 5

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
06/20/2023	County Council	presented and referred	PHED
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Ivey, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.		
07/06/2023	PHED	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
	Action Text: A motion was made by Vice Chair Olson, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 5 Ivey, Olson, Blegay, Dernoga and Oriadha		
07/18/2023	County Council	introduced	

Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson.

09/06/2023 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

09/12/2023 County Council enacted

Action Text:

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

Aye: 10 Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Oriadha and Franklin

Absent: 1 Ivey

10/05/2023 County Executive signed

Action Text:

This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

04-365 04-367 04-356 04-357 04-358 04-359 04-360 04-362 04-361 04-363 04-364
04-366

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The purpose of the bill is to ensure safe and inclusive residential dwelling options in future housing developments for all County residents, regardless of their ability, disability or functionality in a universally designed environment. The bill shall apply to all new single-family attached, single-family detached, two-family, two-over-two's and multi-family residential dwelling units constructed in Prince George's County on and after January 1, 2026 with certain exemptions and waivers. It provides for universally designed features. It provides for the potential waiver of certain requirements by the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement in certain instances. It makes amendments to applicable County Codes and provides that if any provisions conflict with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Code of Maryland Regulations, the Maryland Accessibility Code, and any other applicable law, the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement shall apply the Maryland Accessibility Code, the Code of Maryland Regulations, the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, the Federal Fair Housing Act and any other applicable law.

Document(s): B2023065, CB-065-2023 Report, CB-065-2023 PAFI