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FREDERICK COUNTY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



COUNCIL APPROVES NEW LEGISLATION

On March 2, the Council approved Amended Bill 21-01 by a 7-0 vote. This Bill amends Chapter 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning) to allow the Board of Appeals to grant a variance to expand nonconforming portions of a nonconforming structure if no increase of the building footprint is proposed and the expansion does not extend farther into the required setback.

On February 16, the Council approved Bill 21-02 by a 7-0 vote. This Bill amends Chapter 1-2 of the Frederick County Code (Administration), and specifically Section 69.1 (County Fire Prevention Code) for the implementation and enforcement of Kari's Law. This Bill ensures that multiple-line telephone systems are connected to the public switched telephone network. When an individual using the system dials 9-1-1, the call will directly connect to the public safety answering point without requiring the user to dial any other number or set of numbers.

STAYING SAFE DURING COVID-19

All Council meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

The latest COVID-19 information can be found [here](#).

OPT-IN FOR UPDATES ABOUT COVID-19

You can sign up to get updates by texting FredCoVID19 to 888777



COMMISSION NEWS

On February 23, the Co-Chairs of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Work Group (CEMWG) presented its mid-term report to the Council. Dr. Kevin Sellner and Barb Trader presented the update and report. This commission has several sub-groups and meets regularly. The latest news and updates about the CEMWG and the mid-term report can be found [here](#).

On February 22, the Compensation Review Commission met to vote on salary recommendations for the County Executive and Council Members. The Commission will present the recommended salaries to the Council later this month. The Council can accept or reject the salaries for the CMs. The Council can increase the recommended salary for the CE by a vote of at least four CMs, but can only decrease the recommendation for the CE by an affirmative vote of a super majority (or at least 5 CMs). The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 8 at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to call in and voice their opinions on the recommendations. Information about the Commission can be found [here](#).

The Council will be announcing the Redistricting Commission in the coming weeks. Please visit our [website](#) for the latest information.

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UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE DAYS AND WORKSHOPS

March 9:

Introduction of the Disabled Veterans Property Tax [Bill](#)
Presentation by County Attorney on Redistricting Commission
Council Rules Discussion

March 16:

First Reading on the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Credit [Bill](#)

March 23:

Selection of Redistricting Commission
Introduction of the School Construction Mitigation Fees Bill

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