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TBD - Howard County Spending Affordability Advisory Committee sessions
TBD – Howard County STATE delegation sessions and statewide testimony
https://www.howardcountymd.gov/state-delegation

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JAN 12 4PM DPZ – Q&A on Accessory Dwelling Units ZRA 218 (CB-3-2026)
https://bit.ly/3MHPSgp

JAN 20th 7PM County Council PUBLIC TESTIMONY on CB-3/CB4/CB-10
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JAN 26 County Council Work Session

FEB 2 2026 SESSION – JAN Bills voted on unless extended (tabled)

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CB-3-2026 / ZRA 218

https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail?legislationId=14950&legislationNumber=CB3-2026

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JAN 12 4PM DPZ – Q&A on Accessory Dwelling Units ZRA 218 (CB-3-2026)
https://bit.ly/3MHPSgp Note DPZ treatment of Adequate Public Facilities (APFO)

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AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow accessory dwelling units in Howard County under certain conditions ; to define certain terms; to allow two-family dwellings as a matter of right in the RC, RR, R-ED, R-20 and R-12 Zoning Districts under certain conditions; to substitute accessory dwelling unit for accessory apartment and to allow accessory dwelling units as accessory uses in the R-H-ED, R-A-15, R-APT, R-MH, R-VH, HO, HC, TOD, CAC and TNC Zoning Districts, under certain conditions; to substitute accessory dwelling units for temporary accessory family dwellings in certain zoning districts; to make certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations

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CB-4-2026 / ZRA 219

CB4 - Redefine Activity Centers, TOD and TNC

*Activity Center – More Zoning Density Mostly Around Village Centers
*TOD – More zoning density near rail stations along route one
*TNC – More zoning density around route 40 corridor

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AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to implement the General Plan's recommendations for housing in activity centers, including defining activity center; providing that certain types of development projects in the TOD or TNC zoning districts shall provide more than one housing type; and adding regulations for age-restricted adult housing in the TOD zoning district; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations

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CB-10-2026

CB10-2026 – Excess Surplus Revenue – ONE TIME

ONLY Applies to FY 2028

WHEREAS, excess surplus revenue from prior fiscal years' budgets exists in material respect:

In FY2025, in the amount of at least $37.9M (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025, p. 96);

In FY2024, in the amount of at least $36.5M (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024, p. 87);

In FY2023, in the amount of at least $76.1M (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023, p. 86);

In FY2022, in the amount of at least $34.5M (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022, p. 82);

In FY2021, in the amount of at least $24.5M (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021, p. 77);

In FY2020, in the amount of at least $21.8M (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020, p. 75); and

In FY2019, in the amount of at least $18.4M (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019, p. 76).

State calendar of legislation

General Assembly of Maryland

Dates of Interest

2026 SESSION

449th Session

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January	**14**	**GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES** *(noon, Wednesday)*
	21	Final date for Governor to introduce budget bill
	21	Final date for the Governor to introduce the capital budget bill
	23	*10th Day* – **SENATE AND HOUSE BILL REQUEST GUARANTEE DATE**
	26	*13th Day* – Administration bills introduced in the Senate after this date referred to Senate Rules Committee
	28	*15th Day* – Final date for introduction of Governor's Salary Commission, General Assembly Compensation Commission, and Judicial Compensation Commission recommendations. Legislative action must be taken within 50 days after introduction of the joint resolutions of the Governor's Salary Commission and the Judicial Compensation Commission.
	TBA	Governor delivers the State of the State Address (noon)
February	**9**	*27th Day* — **SENATE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE**
		Senate bills introduced after this date referred to the Senate Rules Committee
		Deadline for members to send LBI requests to DLS to guarantee preparation by 55th day.
	12	Day before House Bill Introduction Date; "Hopper" will close at 5:00 P.M.
	13	*31st Day* — **HOUSE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE**
		House bills introduced after this date referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
		Deadline for members to send LBI requests to DLS to guarantee preparation by the 55th day.
	22	*40th Day* — "Green Bag" appointments submitted by Governor *(Delivered on Friday, February 20)*
March	**9**	*55th Day* — Final date for introduction of bills and LBIs without suspension of Rules
	17	*63rd Day* — Committee Reporting Courtesy Date
		Each Chamber's committees to report their own bills by this date
	23	*69th Day* — Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date
		Each Chamber to send to other Chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably.
		Opposite Chamber bills received after this date subject to referral to Rules Committees (Senate Rule 32(c), House Courtesy Date)
April	**6**	*83rd Day* — Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers
	13	*90th Day* — **ADJOURNMENT "SINE DIE"** *(Monday)*
May	**13**	Final date for an extended session (Wednesday)

POST-SESSION

May	**3**	20th Day after adjournment — Final date for presentment of bills to Governor
June	**1**	Other than emergency bills and as otherwise provided, earliest date for bills to take effect
June	**2**	30th Day after presentment–Governor to sign/veto bills by this date
July	**1**	Budgetary, tax, and revenue bills to take effect

Not to distant future…

March 2026 – Candidate Forum - Primary

AUG 2026 – Candidate Forum – General