

Chapter 339

(House Bill 424)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Housing Opportunities Commission – Alterations

MC 3–24

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County hold public hearings on assisted family housing proposals; repealing the requirement that the Montgomery Commission publish a summary of the Montgomery Commission’s annual financial report in certain newspapers; and generally relating to the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 16–101(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 16–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 16–112
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY renumbering
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 16–111, 16–113, and 16–114
to be Section 16–110, 16–112, and 16–113, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Housing and Community Development

16–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) “Montgomery Commission” means the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County.

[16–110.

(a) In this section, the terms “assisted family housing” and “moderate priced dwelling units” have the meanings stated in Montgomery County law.

(b) This section does not apply to proposed scattered sites and moderate priced dwelling units:

(1) that are acquired for assisted family housing;

(2) that are proposed by the Montgomery Commission; and

(3) for which a public hearing is not required under Montgomery County law.

(c) (1) The Montgomery Commission shall hold a public hearing on any assisted family housing it proposes and report in writing the findings and conclusions from the hearing.

(2) At least 15 days before the hearing, the Montgomery Commission shall give notice of the hearing by a display advertisement in two newspapers of general circulation in the county.]

[16–112.] **16–111.**

(a) On or before November 30 each year, the Montgomery Commission shall issue a financial report for the previous fiscal year based on a certified audit.

(b) [The Montgomery Commission shall publish a summary of the financial report in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the county.

(c)] (1) On or before December 15 each year, the Montgomery Commission shall publish on its website:

(i) the financial report issued under subsection (a) of this section;
and

(ii) a full and complete copy of the certified audit report for the previous fiscal year.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, in performing the duties required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Montgomery Commission shall publish all information in a public record that relates to a financial report or a certified audit report of which the Montgomery Commission is not specifically required to deny an inspection under the Public Information Act.

(3) Paragraph (2) of this subsection may not be construed as a waiver of information that is protected by privilege.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 16–111, 16–113, and 16–114 of Article – Housing and Community Development of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 16–110, 16–112, and 16–113, respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, April 25, 2024.