

# SENATE BILL 970

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By: **Howard County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Department of Planning and Zoning – Parking Space**  
3 **Requirements for New Construction**

4 **Ho. Co. 13–25**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning to  
6 consider whether pedestrian infrastructure could offset the need for the construction  
7 of parking spaces for new construction when determining the minimum number of  
8 mandatory parking spaces; and generally relating to requirements for the Howard  
9 County Department of Planning and Zoning.

10 BY adding to  
11 The Public Local Laws of Howard County  
12 Section 3.107  
13 Article 14 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
14 (1997 Edition and October 2022 Supplement, as amended)

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

17 **Article 14 – Howard County**

18 **3.107.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) (I) “BUILDING” MEANS A STRUCTURE WITH EXTERIOR WALLS**  
22 **THAT COMBINE TO FORM AN OCCUPIABLE STRUCTURE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(II) “BUILDING” DOES NOT INCLUDE A TEMPORARY**  
2 **STRUCTURE, AS DEFINED IN THE HOWARD COUNTY BUILDING CODE.**

3                   **(3) “NEW CONSTRUCTION” MEANS CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING**  
4 **THAT REQUIRES A HOWARD COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT.**

5                   **(B) WHEN DETERMINING THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF MANDATORY PARKING**  
6 **SPACES FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF**  
7 **PLANNING AND ZONING SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR**  
8 **PEDESTRIANS COULD OFFSET THE NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY PARKING**  
9 **SPACES FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION.**

10                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2025.