

HOUSE BILL 424

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Housing Opportunities Commission – Alterations**

3 **MC 3–24**

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Housing and Community Development
11 Section 16–101(a) and (d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY repealing
15 Article – Housing and Community Development
16 Section 16–110
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Housing and Community Development
21 Section 16–112

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

3 BY renumbering
4 Article – Housing and Community Development
5 Section 16–111, 16–113, and 16–114
6 to be Section 16–110, 16–112, and 16–113, respectively
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

11 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

12 16–101.

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

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

16 [16–110.

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

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

21 (1) that are acquired for assisted family housing;

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

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

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

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

31 [16–112.] **16–111.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.