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BILL NO.: **HB 159**

TITLE: Common Ownership Communities – Electric Vehicle
Recharging
Equipment (Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of
2024)

SPONSOR: Delegate Korman

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 6, 2024

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** HB 159 - Common Ownership Communities – Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment (Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024). This legislation makes recorded covenants or provisions in by-laws of a cooperative housing corporation unenforceable if it effectively prohibits or unreasonably restricts the installation of electric vehicle charging equipment in a member's parking space or space designated for use by a member/resident.

Baltimore County, like many other counties in Maryland, has been expanding the availability of Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment, and updating our local codes and standards to ensure that all Chargers installed in public and private settings are professionally installed, and appropriately permitted. Any homeowner, even those residing within cooperative housing settings, should be allowed to install, at their own cost, an EV Charger, so long as they abide by County building codes and relevant permitting, pay for their own electricity use, and appropriately operate and maintain the charging equipment. HB 159 simply ensures that any cooperative housing member that applies to the housing governing body and abides by all local regulations cannot be explicitly or effectively be denied the ability to install their own EV charger.

Accordingly, Baltimore County urges a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 159. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.