



# Montgomery County

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HB 558

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POSITION: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT (Department of Housing and Community Affairs)

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### Common Ownership Communities - Local Commissions

House Bill 558 establishes requirements for local Commissions on Common Ownership Communities (COCCs) to follow if a local jurisdiction elects to establish a COCC. Montgomery County's existing local laws governing the County's local COCC would be expressly superseded by the bill.

Although the language of House Bill 558 closely mirrors the Montgomery County Code governing the County's COCC<sup>1</sup>, the passage of House Bill 558 in its current form would prevent the County from making changes to the COCC in the future to meet the needs of County residents. Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs, which houses the County's COCC, respectfully requests an amendment to House Bill 558 to **exempt** existing local commissions from the requirements of the bill to reflect the leadership and local initiative these counties have undertaken to govern COCCs and their members successfully to date.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/montgomerycounty/latest/montgomeryco\\_md/0-0-0-121979](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/montgomerycounty/latest/montgomeryco_md/0-0-0-121979)