

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 20-017

Brief Title (Harford County Solid Waste Management Plan Revision)

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

*Stephan A. Dixon*  
Council Administrator

Date 11/10/20

**ENROLLED**

*Robert J. Vincent*  
Council President

Date 11/10/20

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 20-029

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

*Stephan A. Dixon*  
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

*Stephan A. Dixon*  
Council Administrator



**BY THE EXECUTIVE**

*[Signature]*  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date 11/12/2020

**BY THE COUNCIL**

This Bill No. 20-017 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes Law on November 12, 2020.

EFFECTIVE: January 11, 2021

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 20-017

Introduced by Council President Vincenti at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 20-025 Date October 6, 2020

AN ACT to add new Subsection 1.15.6, Office Building Recycling, to Section 1, Solid Waste Generation, of Chapter III, Solid Waste General, Collection, and Acceptance Systems, of the Harford County Solid Waste Management Plan, adopted on March 3, 2015 by Bill No. 15-004, as amended, and incorporated by reference in Section 109-8, Solid waste management plan, of Article I, General Provisions, of Chapter 109, Environmental Control, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide that provisions for single-stream recycling by owners and tenants of office buildings be added to the Plan; and generally relating to the Harford County Solid Waste Management Plan.

By the Council, October 6, 2020

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: November 3, 2020

at: 6:45 PM

By Order: *Mylia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on November 3, 2020, and concluded on November 3, 2020.

*Mylia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1           WHEREAS, on March 3, 2015, the Harford County Solid Waste Management Plan (“Plan”)  
2 was adopted; and

3           WHEREAS, the Annotated Code of Maryland, Environment Article §9-1714(b)(1) requires  
4 that, on or before October 1, 2021, owners of office buildings shall be required to follow single-stream  
5 recycling program requirements; and

6           WHEREAS, office buildings are defined as buildings that have 150,000 square feet or greater  
7 of office space; and

8           WHEREAS, office building owners must provide recycling receptacles and provide for the  
9 removal of materials deposited in the receptacles for further recycling; and

10          WHEREAS, the Plan must be revised to add office building recycling provisions.

11          NOW, THEREFORE,

12 Section 1.     Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that new  
13 Subsection 1.15.6, Office Building Recycling, be, and it is hereby, added to Section 1, Solid Waste  
14 Generation, of Chapter III, Solid Waste General, Collection, and Acceptance Systems, of the  
15 Harford County Solid Waste Management Plan, adopted on March 3, 2015 by Bill No. 15-004, as  
16 amended, and incorporated by reference in Section 109-8, Solid waste management plan, of Article  
17 I, General Provisions, of Chapter 109, Environmental Control, of the Harford County Code, as  
18 amended, all to read as follows:

19     **Chapter 109. Environmental Control**

20     **Article I. General Provisions**

21     **§ 109-8. Solid waste management plan.**

22     The Solid Waste Management Plan, dated January 2015, as amended, as adopted by Bill No. 15-004,  
23 as subsequently amended from time to time, is incorporated by reference as part of this chapter as  
24 though fully stated herein, and is hereby declared to be the County’s Official Solid Waste Management  
25 Plan.

**1 Harford County Solid Waste Management Plan**

**2 1.15.6 OFFICE BUILDING RECYCLING**

3 THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE §9-1714(B)(1)  
4 REQUIRES THAT, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2021, EACH OWNER OF AN OFFICE  
5 BUILDING SHALL PROVIDE (1) RECEPTACLES FOR THE COLLECTION OF  
6 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS; AND (2) FOR THE REMOVAL FOR FURTHER RECYCLING  
7 OF PAPER, CARDBOARD, METAL, AND PLASTIC MATERIALS DEPOSITED IN THE  
8 RECYCLING RECEPTACLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HARFORD COUNTY SINGLE-  
9 STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM.

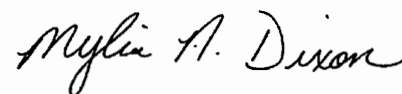
10 THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE §9-1714(A)(1)  
11 DEFINES AN OFFICE BUILDING AS A BUILDING THAT HAS 150,000 SQUARE FEET OR  
12 GREATER OF OFFICE SPACE. FURTHER GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE  
13 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT THAT STATES “WHEN THERE ARE  
14 TWO BUILDINGS UNDER THE CONTROL OF ONE PERSON/ENTITY AND LOCATED ON  
15 THE SAME PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY THAT TOGETHER EQUAL 150,000 SQ. FT. OR  
16 MORE THE LAW APPLIES, EVEN IF EACH BUILDING IS LESS THAN 150,000 SQ. FT.”;  
17 AND “BECAUSE (1) THE BILL ADDRESSES REQUIREMENTS FOR ‘BUILDINGS THAT  
18 HAVE 150,000 SQ. FT. OR GREATER OF OFFICE SPACE’ AND (2) AN ‘OFFICE BUILDING’  
19 MEANS A BUILDING THAT HAS 150,000 SQ. FT. OR GREATER OF OFFICE SPACE” AN  
20 OWNER WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FOR RECYCLING FOR THE ENTIRE  
21 BUILDING. THE BILL DOES NOT MENTION LIMITING THE RECYCLABLE  
22 REQUIREMENTS ONLY TO THE OFFICE SPACE PORTION, RATHER THE BILL’S  
23 REQUIREMENTS APPLY WHEN ANY BUILDING CONTAINS 150,000 SQ. FT. OR  
24 GREATER OF OFFICE SPACE;” AND “ANY BUILDING WITH LESS THAN 150,000 SQ. FT.

1 OF OFFICE SPACE IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS.”  
2 THE HARFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF  
3 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, THROUGH ITS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
4 OPERATIONS CONTRACTOR, WILL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF ALL OFFICE  
5 BUILDINGS, WITHIN HARFORD COUNTY, OF 150,000 SQUARE FEET OR GREATER. THE  
6 LIST OF AFFECTED OFFICE BUILDINGS WILL BE UPDATED ANNUALLY.  
7 MONITORING OF RECYCLING RECEPTACLES WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE  
8 BUILDING OWNERS AND/ OR TENANTS. EACH YEAR, THE HARFORD COUNTY OFFICE  
9 OF RECYCLING WILL CONTACT ANY AFFECTED OFFICE BUILDING OWNERS OR  
10 THEIR MANAGEMENT COMPANIES TO VERIFY THAT SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING  
11 SERVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED AND IDENTIFY THE SERVICE PROVIDER THOSE  
12 ENTITIES ARE UTILIZING.

13 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date  
14 it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: January 11, 2021

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.*



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Council Administrator