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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2022 Legislative Session

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**BILL NO. 27 – 2022 (ZRA – 200)**

**Introduced by: David Yungmann**

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*By Amending:*

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*Subsection N. "Conditional Uses and Permissible Zoning Districts"*

*Number 1. "Age-Restricted Adult Housing"*

## **HOWARD COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS**

### **SECTION 131.0: Conditional Uses**

#### **Subsection N. Conditional Uses and Permissible Zoning Districts**

The Hearing Authority may grant Conditional Uses in the specified districts in accordance with the following minimum criteria.

##### **1.Age-restricted Adult Housing**

###### **a. Age-Restricted Adult Housing, General**

A Conditional Use may be granted in the RC, RR, R-ED, R-20, R-12, R-SC, R-SA-8, R-H-ED, R-A-15, or R-APT District, for age-restricted adult housing, provided that:

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(4) The maximum density shall be as follows:

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The landscape character of the site must blend with adjacent residential properties. To achieve this:

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(i) An architectural transition, with buildings near the perimeter that are similar in scale, materials and

1 architectural details to neighboring dwellings as  
2 demonstrated by architectural elevations or renderings  
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4 (ii) Additional buffering along the perimeter of the site,  
5 through retention of existing forest or landscaping,  
6 enhanced landscaping, berms or increased setbacks.

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10 residential uses on adjacent properties.

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14 Except in R-SA-8, R-A-15 and R-APT...55 feet

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20 R-SC Districts:

21 Apartments...100 feet

22 Single-family attached...75 feet

23 Single-family detached, semi-detached, and multi-  
24 plex...40 feet

25 (iii) From open space, multi-family or non-residential uses  
26 in RC, RR, R-ED, R-20, R-12 or R-SC...30 feet

27 (iv) From zoning districts other than RC, RR, R-ED, R-20,  
28 R-12 or R-SC...20 feet

29 (V) IN B-1 DISTRICTS:

STRUCTURES.....30 FEET

PARKING AND USE.....10 FEET

(c) Minimum structure setback from interior roadway or driveway for units with garages...20 feet

(d) Minimum structure setback from lot lines for single-family detached or multi-plex units

(i) Side...10 feet

Except zero lot line dwellings...0 feet

A minimum of 10 feet must be provided between structures

(ii) Rear...20 feet

(e) Minimum distance between single-family detached and/or attached dwellings:

(i) For units oriented face-to-face...30 feet

(ii) For units oriented side-to-side...15 feet

(iii) For units oriented face-to-side or rear-to-side...20 feet

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(f) Minimum distance between apartment buildings or between apartment buildings and single-family dwellings:

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(ii) For units oriented side-to-side...15 feet

(iii) For units oriented face-to-side or rear-to-side...30 feet

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(g) Apartment buildings and groups of single-family attached units may not exceed 120 feet in length. However, the Hearing Authority may approve a greater length, up to a maximum of 300 feet in R-SA-8, R-A-15 and R-APT, or 200 feet in other districts, based on architectural design that mitigates the visual impact of the increased length.

(8) At least 50% of the gross site area in the RC, RR, R-ED Districts, at least 35% in the R-20, R-12, and R-SC Districts, and at least 25% in R-SA-8, R-H-ED, R-A-15 and R-APT Districts, shall be open space or open area in accordance with the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations. The open space or open area shall provide amenities such as pathways, seating areas and recreation areas for the residents, and shall be protective of natural features.

(9) Accessory uses may include social, recreational, educational, housekeeping, security, transportation or personal services, provided that use of these services is limited to on-site residents and their guests.

(10) At least one on-site community building or interior community space shall be provided that contains a minimum of:

(a) 20 square feet of floor area per dwelling unit, for the first 99 units with a minimum area of 500 square feet, and

(b) 10 square feet of floor area per dwelling unit for each additional unit above 99.

(11) Loading and trash storage areas shall be adequately screened from view.

(12) For a development that will be built in phases, open space areas, recreational facilities and other accessory facilities shall be provided in each phase to meet the needs of the residents. The developer shall provide a schedule for the installation of facilities at the time the Conditional Use is approved.

1 (13) The petition shall establish how the age restrictions required  
2 under the definition of this use will be implemented and  
3 maintained over time[[s]]. If the development will not be a  
4 rental community under single ownership, an entity such as a  
5 condominium association or homeowners association shall be  
6 established to maintain and enforce the age restrictions in  
7 addition to County enforcement of zoning regulations.

8 (14) All open space, common areas and related improvements shall  
9 be managed and maintained by a common entity, either the  
10 owner of the development, a condominium association, or a  
11 homeowners association.

12 (15) The development shall incorporate universal design features  
13 from the Department of Planning and Zoning guidelines that  
14 identify required, recommended and optional features. The  
15 petition shall include descriptions of the design features of  
16 proposed dwellings to demonstrate their appropriateness for the  
17 age-restricted population. The material submitted shall indicate  
18 how universal design features will be used to make individual  
19 dwellings adaptable to persons with mobility or functional  
20 limitations and how the design will provide accessible routes  
21 between parking areas, sidewalks, dwelling units and common  
22 areas.

23 (16) At least 10% of the dwelling units in the RC, RR, R-ED, R-20,  
24 R-12 and R-SC Districts, and at least 15% in the R-SA-8, R-H-  
25 ED, R-A-15 and R-APT Districts, shall be Moderate Income  
26 Housing Units.

27 (17) Housing for the elderly special exception-s uses approved by the  
28 Board of Appeals on or prior to July 12, 2001 and constructed  
29 under the Zoning Regulations in effect at that time, may convert  
30 the existing dwelling units to age-restricted adult housing uses,  
31 with respect to minimum age restrictions only, without being  
32 subject to further hearing authority review and approval under

1 current Conditional Use requirements, provided that the  
2 dwelling units are made subject to the new covenants and other  
3 legal means of enforcing the age-restricted adult housing  
4 minimum age restrictions, and that a copy of the recorded new  
5 covenants is submitted to the Department of Planning and  
6 Zoning to be filed in the original special exception case file.

7 (18) The Conditional Use plan and the architectural design of the  
8 building(s) shall have been reviewed by the Design Advisory  
9 Panel, in accordance with Title 16, Subtitle 15 of the Howard  
10 County Code, prior to the submission of the Conditional Use  
11 petition to the Department of Planning and Zoning. The  
12 Petitioner shall provide documentation with the petition to show  
13 compliance with this criterion.

14 b. Age-Restricted Adult Housing, Multi-Plex

15 A Conditional Use may be granted in the R-ED, R-20, R-12, R-SC, R-  
16 SA-8, R-H-ED, R-A-15, R-APT, B-1 or B-2 Districts for age-restricted  
17 multi-plex adult housing, provided that:

18 (1) The landscape character of the site must blend with adjacent  
19 residential development. To achieve this:

20 (a) Grading and all landscaping shall retain and enhance  
21 elements that allow the site to blend and be compatible  
22 with adjacent residential development.

23 (b) The project shall be compatible with adjacent residential  
24 development by providing either:

25 (i) An architectural transition with buildings near the  
26 perimeter that are similar to neighboring dwellings in  
27 scale, materials and architectural detail as  
28 demonstrated by architectural elevations or renderings  
29 submitted with the petition, or



1 (ii) Additional buffering along the perimeter of the site,  
2 through retention of existing forest or landscaping,  
3 enhanced landscaping, berms or increased setbacks.

4 (2) The following criteria shall be met:

5 (a) In the residential districts, one multi-plex dwelling unit  
6 building is permitted per acre. There shall be no more than  
7 five multi-plex dwelling unit buildings in a development.  
8 In the B-1 and B-2 Districts, the density shall be  
9 determined by available water and septic facilities.

10 (b) The net floor area of a multi-plex dwelling unit building is  
11 limited to 5,000 square feet.

12 (c) The multi-plex dwellings are limited to age-restricted adult  
13 housing. The petition must include copies of proposed  
14 deed restrictions or covenants that establish how the age  
15 restrictions required under the definition of age-restricted  
16 adult housing will be implemented and maintained.

17 (d) The dwellings will incorporate universal design features  
18 from the Department of Planning and Zoning Guidelines  
19 that identify required, recommended, and optional features.  
20 The petition shall include descriptions of the design  
21 features of proposed dwellings to demonstrate their  
22 appropriateness for the age-restricted populations. The  
23 materials submitted shall indicate how universal design  
24 features will be used to make individual dwellings  
25 adaptable to persons with mobility or functional limitations  
26 and how the design will provide accessible routes between  
27 driveways, sidewalks, common areas and dwelling units.

28 (e) Properties in the B-1 and B-2 Districts shall be outside of  
29 the Planned Service Area and adjoin, or be within 200  
30 yards of a community shopping center development with a  
31 food store greater than 15,000 square feet.

- (f) The development has frontage on and direct access to a public road.
- (g) The minimum lot size is one gross acre in R-ED and R-20 and 20,000 square feet in R-12.
- (3) The development shall comply with the following bulk requirements:
- (a) Maximum Height:
- (i) Principal Structures...34 feet
- (ii) Accessory Structures...15 feet
- (b) Minimum structure and use setback from perimeter of development:
- (i) From public street right-of-way...40 feet
- (ii) From RC, RR, R-ED, R-20 or R-SC Districts, the setback applicable in the underlying zoning district.
- (iii) From Zoning districts other than RC, RR, R-ED, R-20 or R-SC...20 feet
- (c) Minimum structure setback from interior roadway or driveway for units with garages...20 feet
- (d) Minimum structure setback from lot lines:
- (i) Side...10 feet
- Except zero lot line dwellings...0 feet
- A minimum of 10 feet must be provided between structures
- (ii) Rear...10 feet
- (e) Minimum distance between principal structures 10 feet
- (4) At least 35% of the gross site area shall be open space or open area in accordance with the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations. The open space or open area shall provide

1 amenities such as pathways, seating areas and outdoor  
2 recreation areas for the residents, and shall be protective of  
3 natural features.

4 (5) Accessory uses may include social, recreational, educational,  
5 housekeeping, security, transportation or personal services,  
6 provided that the use of these services is limited to on-site  
7 residents and their guests.

8 (6) For developments with more than five multi-plex dwelling unit  
9 buildings, at least one on-site community building or interior  
10 community space shall be provided that contains a minimum of  
11 500 square feet.

12 (7) The Conditional Use plan and the architectural design of the  
13 building(s) shall have been reviewed by the Design Advisory  
14 Panel, in accordance with Title 16, Subtitle 15 of the Howard  
15 County Code, prior to the submission of the Conditional Use  
16 petition to the Department of Planning and Zoning. The  
17 Petitioner shall provide documentation with the petition to show  
18 compliance with this criterion.

19 C. A CONDITIONAL USE MAY BE GRANTED IN THE B-1 DISTRICT FOR AGE-RESTRICTED ADULT  
20 HOUSING, PROVIDED THAT:

21 (1) THE PARCEL SHALL BE ADJACENT TO AN EXISTING AGE-  
22 RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING OR HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY  
23 DEVELOPMENT.

24 (2) THE PARCEL SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE PLANNED SERVICE  
25 AREA FOR PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER.

26 (3) THE MAXIMUM PARCEL SIZE SHALL BE 3 ACRES.

27 (4) SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED, SEMI-DETACHED, MULTI-PLEX,  
28 ATTACHED AND MULTI-FAMILY, EXCLUDING APARTMENT  
29 DWELLING UNITS SHALL BE PERMITTED IN THE B-1 DISTRICTS.

1 (5) THE MAXIMUM DENSITY SHALL BE 10 DWELLING UNITS PER NET  
2 ACRE.

3 (6) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE PROVISIONS IN SUBSECTION  
4 C, THE AGE-RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SHALL  
5 COMPLY WITH THE GENERAL PROVISIONS IN A. 6 FOR SITE DESIGN  
6 AND A. 7. FOR BULK REQUIREMENTS.

7 (7) AT LEAST ONE ON-SITE COMMUNITY BUILDING OR INTERIOR  
8 COMMUNITY SPACE SHALL BE PROVIDED THAT CONTAINS A  
9 MINIMUM OF:

- 10 a. 20 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA PER DWELLING UNIT, FOR  
11 THE FIRST 99 UNITS WITH A MINIMUM AREA OF 500  
12 SQUARE FEET; AND  
13 b. 10 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA PER DWELLING UNIT FOR  
14 EACH ADDITIONAL UNIT ABOVE 99.

15 THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ON-SITE COMMUNITY BUILDING OR  
16 INTERIOR COMMUNITY SPACE WITHIN THE NEW PARCEL MAY BE  
17 SATISFIED IF:

- 18 a. THE PARCEL IS INCORPORATED INTO AND GOVERNED BY  
19 THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR AN EXISTING  
20 ADJACENT AGE-RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING OR HOUSING  
21 FOR THE ELDERLY DEVELOPMENT; AND  
22 b. THE EXISTING COMMUNITY BUILDING OR INTERIOR  
23 COMMUNITY SPACE IN THE EXISTING ADJACENT AGE-  
24 RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING OR HOUSING FOR THE  
25 ELDERLY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO MEET THE  
26 CONDITIONAL USE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SUBSECTION  
27 WITH THE ADDITION OF THE NEW UNITS; AND  
28 c. THERE ARE ADEQUATE PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN  
29 THE NEW AGE-RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING  
30 DEVELOPMENT AND THE EXISTING ADJACENT AGE-  
31 RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING OR HOUSING FOR THE

ELDERLY DEVELOPMENT VIA SIDEWALKS, WALKING  
PATHS, ROADS, ETC.

(8) ACCESSORY USES MAY INCLUDE SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL,  
EDUCATIONAL, HOUSEKEEPING, SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION OR  
PERSONAL SERVICES, PROVIDED THAT USE OF THESE SERVICES IS  
LIMITED TO ON-SITE RESIDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS.

(9) LOADING AND TRASH STORAGE AREAS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY  
SCREENED FROM VIEW.

(10) FOR A DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL BE BUILT IN PHASES, OPEN  
SPACE AREAS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OTHER ACCESSORY  
FACILITIES SHALL BE PROVIDED IN EACH PHASE TO MEET THE  
NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS. THE DEVELOPER SHALL PROVIDE A  
SCHEDULE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FACILITIES AT THE TIME THE  
CONDITIONAL USE IS APPROVED.

(11) THE PETITION SHALL ESTABLISH HOW THE AGE RESTRICTIONS  
REQUIRED UNDER THE DEFINITION OF THIS USE WILL BE  
IMPLEMENTED AND MAINTAINED OVER TIME. IF THE  
DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT BE A RENTAL COMMUNITY UNDER  
SINGLE OWNERSHIP, AN ENTITY SUCH AS A CONDOMINIUM  
ASSOCIATION OR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE  
ESTABLISHED TO MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE THE AGE RESTRICTIONS  
IN ADDITION TO COUNTY ENFORCEMENT OF ZONING  
REGULATIONS.

(12) ALL OPEN SPACE, COMMON AREAS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS  
SHALL BE MANAGED AND MAINTAINED BY A COMMON ENTITY,  
EITHER THE OWNER OF THE DEVELOPMENT, A CONDOMINIUM  
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(13) THE DEVELOPMENT SHALL INCORPORATE UNIVERSAL DESIGN  
FEATURES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING  
GUIDELINES THAT IDENTIFY REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED AND  
OPTIONAL FEATURES. THE PETITION SHALL INCLUDE

1 DESCRIPTIONS OF THE DESIGN FEATURES OF PROPOSED DWELLINGS  
2 TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE AGE-  
3 RESTRICTED POPULATION. THE MATERIAL SUBMITTED SHALL  
4 INDICATE HOW UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES WILL BE USED TO  
5 MAKE INDIVIDUAL DWELLINGS ADAPTABLE TO PERSONS WITH  
6 MOBILITY OR FUNCTIONAL LIMITATIONS AND HOW THE DESIGN  
7 WILL PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE ROUTES BETWEEN PARKING AREAS,  
8 SIDEWALKS, DWELLING UNITS AND COMMON AREAS.

9 (14) THE CONDITIONAL USE PLAN AND THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN  
10 OF THE BUILDING(S) SHALL HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE DESIGN  
11 ADVISORY PANEL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 15  
12 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE, PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION OF  
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14 PLANNING AND ZONING. THE PETITIONER SHALL PROVIDE  
15 DOCUMENTATION WITH THE PETITION TO SHOW COMPLIANCE WITH  
16 THIS CRITERION.

17 (15) AT LEAST 25% OF THE GROSS SITE AREA IN THE B-1 DISTRICT  
18 SHALL BE OPEN SPACE OR OPEN AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
19 SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS. THE OPEN  
20 SPACE OR OPEN AREA SHALL PROVIDE AMENITIES SUCH AS  
21 PATHWAYS, SEATING AREAS AND RECREATION AREAS FOR THE  
22 RESIDENTS, AND SHALL BE PROTECTIVE OF NATURAL FEATURES.

23 (16) AT LEAST ~~10%~~ 15% OF THE DWELLING UNITS IN THE B-1  
24 DISTRICT SHALL BE MODERATE INCOME HOUSING UNITS.

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26 ***Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this***  
27 ***Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.***  
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22 Single-family attached...75 feet

23 Single-family detached, semi-detached, and multi-  
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(ii) For units oriented side-to-side...15 feet

(iii) For units oriented face-to-side or rear-to-side...20 feet

(iv) For units oriented rear-to-rear...40 feet

(v) For units oriented face-to-rear...100 feet

(f) Minimum distance between apartment buildings or between apartment buildings and single-family dwellings:

(i) For units oriented face-to-face...30 feet

(ii) For units oriented side-to-side...15 feet

(iii) For units oriented face-to-side or rear-to-side...30 feet

(iv) For units oriented rear-to-rear...60 feet

(v) For units oriented face-to-rear...100 feet

- (g) Apartment buildings and groups of single-family attached units may not exceed 120 feet in length. However, the Hearing Authority may approve a greater length, up to a maximum of 300 feet in R-SA-8, R-A-15 and R-APT, or 200 feet in other districts, based on architectural design that mitigates the visual impact of the increased length.
- (8) At least 50% of the gross site area in the RC, RR, R-ED Districts, at least 35% in the R-20, R-12, and R-SC Districts, and at least 25% in R-SA-8, R-H-ED, R-A-15 and R-APT Districts, shall be open space or open area in accordance with the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations. The open space or open area shall provide amenities such as pathways, seating areas and recreation areas for the residents, and shall be protective of natural features.
- (9) Accessory uses may include social, recreational, educational, housekeeping, security, transportation or personal services, provided that use of these services is limited to on-site residents and their guests.
- (10) At least one on-site community building or interior community space shall be provided that contains a minimum of:
- (a) 20 square feet of floor area per dwelling unit, for the first 99 units with a minimum area of 500 square feet, and
  - (b) 10 square feet of floor area per dwelling unit for each additional unit above 99.
- (11) Loading and trash storage areas shall be adequately screened from view.
- (12) For a development that will be built in phases, open space areas, recreational facilities and other accessory facilities shall be provided in each phase to meet the needs of the residents. The developer shall provide a schedule for the installation of facilities at the time the Conditional Use is approved.

1 (13) The petition shall establish how the age restrictions required  
2 under the definition of this use will be implemented and  
3 maintained over time[[s]]. If the development will not be a  
4 rental community under single ownership, an entity such as a  
5 condominium association or homeowners association shall be  
6 established to maintain and enforce the age restrictions in  
7 addition to County enforcement of zoning regulations.

8 (14) All open space, common areas and related improvements shall  
9 be managed and maintained by a common entity, either the  
10 owner of the development, a condominium association, or a  
11 homeowners association.

12 (15) The development shall incorporate universal design features  
13 from the Department of Planning and Zoning guidelines that  
14 identify required, recommended and optional features. The  
15 petition shall include descriptions of the design features of  
16 proposed dwellings to demonstrate their appropriateness for the  
17 age-restricted population. The material submitted shall indicate  
18 how universal design features will be used to make individual  
19 dwellings adaptable to persons with mobility or functional  
20 limitations and how the design will provide accessible routes  
21 between parking areas, sidewalks, dwelling units and common  
22 areas.

23 (16) At least 10% of the dwelling units in the RC, RR, R-ED, R-20,  
24 R-12 and R-SC Districts, and at least 15% in the R-SA-8, R-H-  
25 ED, R-A-15 and R-APT Districts, shall be Moderate Income  
26 Housing Units.

27 (17) Housing for the elderly special exceptions uses approved by the  
28 Board of Appeals on or prior to July 12, 2001 and constructed  
29 under the Zoning Regulations in effect at that time, may convert  
30 the existing dwelling units to age-restricted adult housing uses,  
31 with respect to minimum age restrictions only, without being  
32 subject to further hearing authority review and approval under

1 current Conditional Use requirements, provided that the  
2 dwelling units are made subject to the new covenants and other  
3 legal means of enforcing the age-restricted adult housing  
4 minimum age restrictions, and that a copy of the recorded new  
5 covenants is submitted to the Department of Planning and  
6 Zoning to be filed in the original special exception case file.

7 (18) The Conditional Use plan and the architectural design of the  
8 building(s) shall have been reviewed by the Design Advisory  
9 Panel, in accordance with Title 15, Subtitle 15 of the Howard  
10 County Code, prior to the submission of the Conditional Use  
11 petition to the Department of Planning and Zoning. The  
12 Petitioner shall provide documentation with the petition to show  
13 compliance with this criterion.

14 b. Age-Restricted Adult Housing, Multi-Plex

15 A Conditional Use may be granted in the R-ED, R-20, R-12, R-SC, R-  
16 SA-8, R-H-ED, R-A-15, R-APT, B-1 or B-2 Districts for age-restricted  
17 multi-plex adult housing, provided that:

18 (1) The landscape character of the site must blend with adjacent  
19 residential development. To achieve this:

20 (a) Grading and all landscaping shall retain and enhance  
21 elements that allow the site to blend and be compatible  
22 with adjacent residential development.

23 (b) The project shall be compatible with adjacent residential  
24 development by providing either:

25 (i) An architectural transition with buildings near the  
26 perimeter that are similar to neighboring dwellings in  
27 scale, materials and architectural detail as  
28 demonstrated by architectural elevations or renderings  
29 submitted with the petition, or

(ii) Additional buffering along the perimeter of the site, through retention of existing forest or landscaping, enhanced landscaping, berms or increased setbacks.

(2) The following criteria shall be met:

- (a) In the residential districts, one multi-plex dwelling unit building is permitted per acre. There shall be no more than five multi-plex dwelling unit buildings in a development. In the B-1 and B-2 Districts, the density shall be determined by available water and septic facilities.
- (b) The net floor area of a multi-plex dwelling unit building is limited to 5,000 square feet.
- (c) The multi-plex dwellings are limited to age-restricted adult housing. The petition must include copies of proposed deed restrictions or covenants that establish how the age restrictions required under the definition of age-restricted adult housing will be implemented and maintained.
- (d) The dwellings will incorporate universal design features from the Department of Planning and Zoning Guidelines that identify required, recommended, and optional features. The petition shall include descriptions of the design features of proposed dwellings to demonstrate their appropriateness for the age-restricted populations. The materials submitted shall indicate how universal design features will be used to make individual dwellings adaptable to persons with mobility or functional limitations and how the design will provide accessible routes between driveways, sidewalks, common areas and dwelling units.
- (e) Properties in the B-1 and B-2 Districts shall be outside of the Planned Service Area and adjoin, or be within 200 yards of a community shopping center development with a food store greater than 15,000 square feet.

- (f) The development has frontage on and direct access to a public road.
- (g) The minimum lot size is one gross acre in R-ED and R-20 and 20,000 square feet in R-12.
- (3) The development shall comply with the following bulk requirements:
- (a) Maximum Height:
- (i) Principal Structures...34 feet
- (ii) Accessory Structures...15 feet
- (b) Minimum structure and use setback from perimeter of development:
- (i) From public street right-of-way...40 feet
- (ii) From RC, RR, R-ED, R-20 or R-SC Districts, the setback applicable in the underlying zoning district.
- (iii) From Zoning districts other than RC, RR, R-ED, R-20 or R-SC...20 feet
- (c) Minimum structure setback from interior roadway or driveway for units with garages...20 feet
- (d) Minimum structure setback from lot lines:
- (i) Side...10 feet
- Except zero lot line dwellings...0 feet
- A minimum of 10 feet must be provided between structures
- (ii) Rear...10 feet
- (e) Minimum distance between principal structures 10 feet
- (4) At least 35% of the gross site area shall be open space or open area in accordance with the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations. The open space or open area shall provide



1 amenities such as pathways, seating areas and outdoor  
2 recreation areas for the residents, and shall be protective of  
3 natural features.

4 (5) Accessory uses may include social, recreational, educational,  
5 housekeeping, security, transportation or personal services,  
6 provided that the use of these services is limited to on-site  
7 residents and their guests.

8 (6) For developments with more than five multi-plex dwelling unit  
9 buildings, at least one on-site community building or interior  
10 community space shall be provided that contains a minimum of  
11 500 square feet.

12 (7) The Conditional Use plan and the architectural design of the  
13 building(s) shall have been reviewed by the Design Advisory  
14 Panel, in accordance with Title 16, Subtitle 15 of the Howard  
15 County Code, prior to the submission of the Conditional Use  
16 petition to the Department of Planning and Zoning. The  
17 Petitioner shall provide documentation with the petition to show  
18 compliance with this criterion.

19 C. A CONDITIONAL USE MAY BE GRANTED IN THE B-1 DISTRICT FOR AGE-RESTRICTED ADULT  
20 HOUSING, PROVIDED THAT:

21 (1) THE PARCEL SHALL BE ADJACENT TO AN EXISTING AGE-  
22 RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING OR HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY  
23 DEVELOPMENT.

24 (2) THE PARCEL SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE PLANNED SERVICE  
25 AREA FOR PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER.

26 (3) THE MAXIMUM PARCEL SIZE SHALL BE 3 ACRES.

27 (4) SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED, SEMI-DETACHED, ATTACHED AND  
28 MULTI-FAMILY, EXCLUDING APARTMENT DWELLING UNITS SHALL  
29 BE PERMITTED IN THE B-1 DISTRICTS.

1 (5) THE MAXIMUM DENSITY SHALL BE 10 DWELLING UNITS PER NET  
2 ACRE.

3 (6) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE PROVISIONS IN SUBSECTION  
4 C, THE AGE-RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SHALL  
5 COMPLY WITH THE GENERAL PROVISIONS IN A. 6 FOR SITE DESIGN  
6 AND A. 7. FOR BULK REQUIREMENTS.

7 (7) AT LEAST ONE ON-SITE COMMUNITY BUILDING OR INTERIOR  
8 COMMUNITY SPACE SHALL BE PROVIDED THAT CONTAINS A  
9 MINIMUM OF:

10 a. 20 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA PER DWELLING UNIT, FOR  
11 THE FIRST 99 UNITS WITH A MINIMUM AREA OF 500  
12 SQUARE FEET; AND

13 b. 10 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA PER DWELLING UNIT FOR  
14 EACH ADDITIONAL UNIT ABOVE 99.

15 THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ON-SITE COMMUNITY BUILDING OR  
16 INTERIOR COMMUNITY SPACE WITHIN THE NEW PARCEL MAY BE  
17 SATISFIED IF:

18 a. THE PARCEL IS INCORPORATED INTO AND GOVERNED BY  
19 THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR AN EXISTING  
20 ADJACENT AGE-RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING OR HOUSING  
21 FOR THE ELDERLY DEVELOPMENT; AND

22 b. THE EXISTING COMMUNITY BUILDING OR INTERIOR  
23 COMMUNITY SPACE IN THE EXISTING ADJACENT AGE-  
24 RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING OR HOUSING FOR THE  
25 ELDERLY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO MEET THE  
26 CONDITIONAL USE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SUBSECTION  
27 WITH THE ADDITION OF THE NEW UNITS; AND

28 c. THERE ARE ADEQUATE PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN  
29 THE NEW AGE-RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING  
30 DEVELOPMENT AND THE EXISTING ADJACENT AGE-  
31 RESTRICTED ADULT HOUSING OR HOUSING FOR THE

ELDERLY DEVELOPMENT VIA SIDEWALKS, WALKING  
PATHS, ROADS, ETC.

- (8) ACCESSORY USES MAY INCLUDE SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, HOUSEKEEPING, SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION OR PERSONAL SERVICES, PROVIDED THAT USE OF THESE SERVICES IS LIMITED TO ON-SITE RESIDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS.
- (9) LOADING AND TRASH STORAGE AREAS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY SCREENED FROM VIEW.
- (10) FOR A DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL BE BUILT IN PHASES, OPEN SPACE AREAS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OTHER ACCESSORY FACILITIES SHALL BE PROVIDED IN EACH PHASE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS. THE DEVELOPER SHALL PROVIDE A SCHEDULE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FACILITIES AT THE TIME THE CONDITIONAL USE IS APPROVED.
- (11) THE PETITION SHALL ESTABLISH HOW THE AGE RESTRICTIONS REQUIRED UNDER THE DEFINITION OF THIS USE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND MAINTAINED OVER TIME. IF THE DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT BE A RENTAL COMMUNITY UNDER SINGLE OWNERSHIP, AN ENTITY SUCH AS A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION OR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE ESTABLISHED TO MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE THE AGE RESTRICTIONS IN ADDITION TO COUNTY ENFORCEMENT OF ZONING REGULATIONS.
- (12) ALL OPEN SPACE, COMMON AREAS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE MANAGED AND MAINTAINED BY A COMMON ENTITY, EITHER THE OWNER OF THE DEVELOPMENT, A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, OR A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.
- (13) THE DEVELOPMENT SHALL INCORPORATE UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING GUIDELINES THAT IDENTIFY REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED AND OPTIONAL FEATURES. THE PETITION SHALL INCLUDE

1 DESCRIPTIONS OF THE DESIGN FEATURES OF PROPOSED DWELLINGS  
2 TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE AGE-  
3 RESTRICTED POPULATION. THE MATERIAL SUBMITTED SHALL  
4 INDICATE HOW UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES WILL BE USED TO  
5 MAKE INDIVIDUAL DWELLINGS ADAPTABLE TO PERSONS WITH  
6 MOBILITY OR FUNCTIONAL LIMITATIONS AND HOW THE DESIGN  
7 WILL PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE ROUTES BETWEEN PARKING AREAS,  
8 SIDEWALKS, DWELLING UNITS AND COMMON AREAS.

9 (14) THE CONDITIONAL USE PLAN AND THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN  
10 OF THE BUILDING(S) SHALL HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE DESIGN  
11 ADVISORY PANEL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 15  
12 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CODE, PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION OF  
13 THE CONDITIONAL USE PETITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
14 PLANNING AND ZONING. THE PETITIONER SHALL PROVIDE  
15 DOCUMENTATION WITH THE PETITION TO SHOW COMPLIANCE WITH  
16 THIS CRITERION.

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18 *Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this*  
19 *Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*  
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Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 27 - 2022

BY: David Yungmann

Legislative Day 7

Date: May 4, 2022

Amendment No. 2

*(This amendment adds an open space and MIHU requirement for age-restricted adult housing in the B-1 zoning district.)*

On page 13, immediately following line 17, insert the following:

- “(15) AT LEAST 25% OF THE GROSS SITE AREA IN THE B-1 DISTRICT SHALL BE OPEN SPACE OR OPEN AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS. THE OPEN SPACE OR OPEN AREA SHALL PROVIDE AMENITIES SUCH AS PATHWAYS, SEATING AREAS AND RECREATION AREAS FOR THE RESIDENTS, AND SHALL BE PROTECTIVE OF NATURAL FEATURES.
- (16) AT LEAST 10% OF THE DWELLING UNITS IN THE B-1 DISTRICT SHALL BE MODERATE INCOME HOUSING UNITS.”

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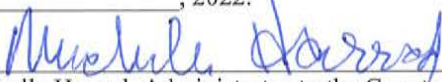
Am 2 to CB27-2022

passed on May 4, 2022

Michelle Herron  
Council Administrator

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on  
May 5, 2022.

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

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