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FREDERICK COUNTY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



COUNCIL PASSES CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Sponsored by Council Members Fitzwater and Hagen: This resolution establishes a work group with a goal of making recommendations to the County Council regarding possible legislation to aide in the reduction of harmful emissions and carbon in the atmosphere.

The complete Resolution can be read [here](#).

DVCC CREATED

Sponsored by Council Member Fitzwater: Bill 20-09 establishes a Domestic Violence Coordinating Council which will "advise the County Executive, County Council, and Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission and its members on policies, programs, and legislation necessary to prevent domestic violence and assist victims and their families with safety, stability, and services, [and] promote and facilitate an effective community-wide victim-centered response to domestic violence, including a well-coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach to all programs serving victims of domestic violence and their families."

The complete Bill can be read [here](#).

STAYING SAFE DURING COVID-19

All Council meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

Stay informed about COVID-19 in Frederick County

The Frederick County Government and County Health Department have created a joint information center updated daily with current information and statistics related to COVID-19. Please visit www.frederickcountymd.gov/JIC for more information.

RECENTLY PASSED LEGISLATION

Bill 20-07 Zoning Ordinances - This bill amends the County Code regarding Zoning Ordinances and ensure greater environmental protections consistent with the Livable Frederick plan.

Bill 20-08 Forest Resource Ordinances - This bill protects existing forested areas and wildlife during the development process and requires reforestation of trees removed during development.

Bill 20-10 Revises Requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units

Bill 20-11 Revises the Frederick County Employee Retirement Plan

UPCOMING LEGISLATION

Second Reading: **Farmer's Market Bill**: sponsored by Council Member McKay (8/25)

Second Reading: **Modifying Waterbody Buffers**: sponsored by Council Member Donald (8/25)

Second Reading: **Bill 20-12** Impact Fees: Development/Public School Development (8/11)

Second Reading: **Bill 20-13** Revises Impact Fees for Farm Lots (8/11)

HOW TO WATCH A MEETING:

Council meetings are live streamed on our website:

www.frederickcountymd.gov/FCGTV and air on Comcast channels 19 (SD) and 1085 (HD).

If you would like to participate: Call toll free 855-925-2801 and enter meeting code 8365 to listen to

our meetings and to give public comment. You can also email us a comment at councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov



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