

HOUSE BILL 424

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Housing Opportunities Commission – Alterations**

3 **MC 3–24**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Housing Opportunities Commission
5 of Montgomery County hold public hearings on assisted family housing proposals;
6 repealing the requirement that the Montgomery Commission publish a summary of
7 the Montgomery Commission’s annual financial report in certain newspapers; and
8 generally relating to the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Housing and Community Development
11 Section 16–101(a) and (d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY repealing
15 Article – Housing and Community Development
16 Section 16–110
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Housing and Community Development
21 Section 16–112
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

24 BY renumbering
25 Article – Housing and Community Development
26 Section 16–111, 16–113, and 16–114

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 to be Section 16–110, 16–112, and 16–113, respectively
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
5 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

7 16–101.

8 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (d) “Montgomery Commission” means the Housing Opportunities Commission of
10 Montgomery County.

11 [16–110.

12 (a) In this section, the terms “assisted family housing” and “moderate priced
13 dwelling units” have the meanings stated in Montgomery County law.

14 (b) This section does not apply to proposed scattered sites and moderate priced
15 dwelling units:

16 (1) that are acquired for assisted family housing;

17 (2) that are proposed by the Montgomery Commission; and

18 (3) for which a public hearing is not required under Montgomery County
19 law.

20 (c) (1) The Montgomery Commission shall hold a public hearing on any
21 assisted family housing it proposes and report in writing the findings and conclusions from
22 the hearing.

23 (2) At least 15 days before the hearing, the Montgomery Commission shall
24 give notice of the hearing by a display advertisement in two newspapers of general
25 circulation in the county.]

26 [16–112.] **16–111.**

27 (a) On or before November 30 each year, the Montgomery Commission shall issue
28 a financial report for the previous fiscal year based on a certified audit.

29 (b) [The Montgomery Commission shall publish a summary of the financial report
30 in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the county.

1 (c)] (1) On or before December 15 each year, the Montgomery Commission shall
2 publish on its website:

3 (i) the financial report issued under subsection (a) of this section;
4 and

5 (ii) a full and complete copy of the certified audit report for the
6 previous fiscal year.

7 (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, in performing the duties
8 required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Montgomery Commission shall publish
9 all information in a public record that relates to a financial report or a certified audit report
10 of which the Montgomery Commission is not specifically required to deny an inspection
11 under the Public Information Act.

12 (3) Paragraph (2) of this subsection may not be construed as a waiver of
13 information that is protected by privilege.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 16–111, 16–113,
15 and 16–114 of Article – Housing and Community Development of the Annotated Code of
16 Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 16–110, 16–112, and 16–113, respectively.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2024.