

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 _____, and concluded on _____.

_____, 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 Harford
15 County Solid Waste Management Plan, adopted on March 3, 2015 by Bill No. 15-004, as amended,
16 and incorporated by reference in Section 109-8, Solid waste management plan, of Article I, General
17 Provisions, of Chapter 109, Environmental Control, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to
18 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, as
23 subsequently amended from time to time, is incorporated by reference as part of this chapter as though
24 fully stated herein, and is hereby declared to be the County’s Official Solid Waste Management 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 RECYCLABLE
6 MATERIALS; AND (2) FOR THE REMOVAL FOR FURTHER RECYCLING OF PAPER,
7 CARDBOARD, METAL, AND PLASTIC MATERIALS DEPOSITED IN THE RECYCLING
8 RECEPTACLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HARFORD COUNTY SINGLE-STREAM
9 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 GREATER

1 OF OFFICE SPACE;” AND “ANY BUILDING WITH LESS THAN 150,000 SQ. FT. OF OFFICE
2 SPACE IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS.”

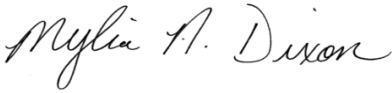
3 THE HARFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF
4 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, THROUGH ITS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
5 OPERATIONS CONTRACTOR, WILL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF ALL OFFICE
6 BUILDINGS, WITHIN HARFORD COUNTY, OF 150,000 SQUARE FEET OR GREATER. THE
7 LIST OF AFFECTED OFFICE BUILDINGS WILL BE UPDATED ANNUALLY.

8 MONITORING OF RECYCLING RECEPTACLES WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE
9 BUILDING OWNERS AND/OR TENANTS. EACH YEAR, THE HARFORD COUNTY OFFICE
10 OF RECYCLING WILL CONTACT ANY AFFECTED OFFICE BUILDING OWNERS OR THEIR
11 MANAGEMENT COMPANIES TO VERIFY THAT SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING
12 SERVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED AND IDENTIFY THE SERVICE PROVIDER THOSE
13 ENTITIES ARE UTILIZING.

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

EFFECTIVE:

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



Council Administrator