

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. _____

Introduced by _____ Council President Boniface at the request of the County Executive _____

Legislative Day No. _____ Date _____

AN ACT to add new Section 16-11.1, Mechanical Board, and new Section 16-11.2, Mechanical maintenance on county property, to Article I, Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, of Chapter 16, Departments, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for the creation of a Mechanical Board; to establish the membership, term, powers and duties of the Board; to impose certain requirements on the Board; to provide requirements for county employees who maintain mechanical services on county property; and generally relating to the powers and duties of the Mechanical Board.

By the Council, _____

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

on: _____

at: _____

By Order: _____, 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 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that new Section
2 16-11.1, Mechanical Board, and new Section 16-11.2, Mechanical maintenance on county property,
3 be, and they are hereby, added to Article I, Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, of
4 Chapter 16, Departments, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

5 **Chapter 16. Departments**

6 **Article I. Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits**

7 **§ 16-11.1. MECHANICAL BOARD.**

8 A. COMPOSITION; QUALIFICATIONS; TERMS.

9 (1) THE MECHANICAL BOARD OF THE COUNTY SHALL CONSIST OF 5
10 INDUSTRY MEMBERS AND 1 EX-OFFICIO MEMBER FROM THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS TO SERVE AS
12 A BOARD LIAISON.

13 (2) THE BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
14 EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN
15 ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER.

16 (3) INDUSTRY BOARD MEMBERS SHALL EITHER BE CURRENTLY LICENSED
17 AS A MASTER OR MASTER RESTRICTED CONTRACTOR WITH THE STATE
18 OF MARYLAND BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING
19 AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS OR A MECHANICAL ENGINEER
20 LICENSED WITH THE STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL
21 ENGINEERS.

22 (4) INDUSTRY BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY
23 AND, IF APPLICABLE, SHALL HAVE THEIR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF
24 BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY.

1 (5) THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR TERMS
2 COTERMINOUS WITH THOSE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND
3 COUNTY COUNCIL, AND ANY MEMBER MAY SUCCEED HIMSELF IN
4 OFFICE.

5 (6) AT THE EXPIRATION OF A MEMBER'S TERM OR IF A VACANCY OCCURS
6 DURING A TERM, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL APPOINT A MEMBER
7 WITH CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE
8 WITH THE CHARTER.

9 B. DUTIES. THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD SHALL BE TO EXAMINE APPLICANTS FOR
10 A COUNTY MASTER AND JOURNEYMAN REGISTRATION AS DEFINED BY THE
11 COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE, ESTABLISH MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR AN
12 INDIVIDUAL TO BE QUALIFIED TO OBTAIN A HOMEOWNER'S PERMIT AND
13 ADOPT REASONABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR
14 DUTIES, TO HOLD HEARINGS ON CHARGES OF MISCONDUCT OF ANY OF THE
15 REGISTRATION HOLDERS AND TO RECOMMEND REVOCATION OF
16 REGISTRATION IF THE CHARGES ARE OF SUFFICIENT GRAVITY AS TO
17 WARRANT REVOCATION AFTER A PROPER HEARING, WHEREIN THE
18 DEFENDANT MAY BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL OF HIS OWN CHOICE.

19 C. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON; RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE MEMBERS OF
20 SUCH BOARD SHALL RESPECTIVELY TAKE AND SUBSCRIBE THE OATH
21 REQUIRED BY OTHER STATE OFFICERS. THEY SHALL HAVE POWER TO ELECT
22 FROM AMONG THEIR OWN NUMBER A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE
23 CHAIRPERSON AND TO ADOPT SUCH RULES, REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS FOR
24 THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD AS THEY MAY DEEM

1 EXPEDIENT AND PROPER. ANY RULES, REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS
2 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE
3 DIRECTOR OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS AND SHALL BE
4 ADOPTED OR CHANGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 807 OF THE
5 CHARTER.

6 D. COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS. EACH MEMBER OF SUCH BOARD SHALL
7 RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES AS
8 MAY BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS. THE BOARD SHALL FILE ANNUALLY
10 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS A REPORT OF
11 ITS ACTIVITIES FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR AND THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS
12 HELD BY THE BOARD.

13 E. MEETINGS. THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EACH QUARTER AND
14 SHALL HOLD SUCH SPECIAL MEETINGS AS THE PROPER AND EFFICIENT
15 DISCHARGE OF ITS BUSINESS SHALL REQUIRE.

16 **§ 16-11.2. MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE ON COUNTY PROPERTY.**

17 ANY COUNTY EMPLOYEE MAINTAINING MECHANICAL SERVICES REGULATED BY
18 THE MECHANICAL CODE ON COUNTY PROPERTY SHALL HAVE AT A MINIMUM A
19 JOURNEYMAN'S CERTIFICATE.

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

EFFECTIVE:

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that
fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for
distribution to the public and the press.*

Council Administrator

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