

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 31-23

Mr. Julian E. Jones, Jr., Chairman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Government Reorganization – Division of Sustainability

FOR the purpose of reorganizing county government by establishing a Division of Sustainability within the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability; defining the duties of the office; establishing a Chief Sustainability Officer who shall lead the office; and generally relating to the Division of Sustainability.

BY adding

Sections 3-2-605 through 3-2-608
Article 3 – Administration
Title 2 – The Administrative Services
Subtitle 6 – Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
Baltimore County Code, 2015

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

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4 ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

5 Title 2 – The Administrative Services

6 Subtitle 6 – Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

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8 § 3-2-605.

9 THERE IS A DIVISION OF SUSTAINABILITY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY.

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12 § 3-2-606.

13 (A) THE PURPOSE OF THE DIVISION OF SUSTAINABILITY IS TO
14 COORDINATE ACTIONS AMONG COUNTY AGENCIES TO DEVELOP AND ADVANCE
15 PLANS, POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE.

16 (B) THE DIVISION WILL DIRECT IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY CLIMATE
17 AND RESILIENCE PLANS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, PROMOTE
18 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY USE AND INCREASE CLIMATE
19 AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY-LEVEL RESILIENCE ACROSS THE COUNTY.

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21 § 3-2-607.

1 (A) THERE SHALL BE A CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER WHO SHALL
2 ADMINISTER THE DIVISION AS A CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL UNIT, WORKING WITH
3 RELEVANT AGENCIES.

4 (B) THE DIVISION SHALL HAVE THE PERSONNEL CONSIDERED NECESSARY
5 TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO IT.

6 (C) THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER SHALL SUPERVISE THE
7 OPERATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE DIVISION, INCLUDING THE
8 HIRING, DIRECTION AND DISCHARGE OF STAFF MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE
9 WITH THE COUNTY PERSONNEL LAWS.

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11 § 3-2-608.

12 (A) THE DIVISION OF SUSTAINABILITY SHALL:

13 (1) COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
14 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE
15 RESILIENCE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES ACROSS THE COUNTY'S
16 BUILDINGS, FLEET, POLICIES, PROCUREMENT, AND BUDGETS;

17 (2) LEAD THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, TRACKING AND
18 UPDATING OF CLIMATE, RESILIENCE, AND RELATED PLANS, AND EXECUTE
19 POLICIES AND PROJECTS AS ASSIGNED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND
20 DIRECTORS; AND

21 (3) REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND COUNTY
22 COUNCIL OF THE DIVISION'S ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OUTCOMES.

1 (B) IN THE COURSE OF FULFILLING ITS DUTIES, THE DIVISION OF
2 SUSTAINABILITY MAY:

3 (1) RECOMMEND GOALS FOR ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES
4 AND DEVELOP DATA-DRIVEN METRICS TO TRACK PROGRESS;

5 (2) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND
6 TRAININGS FOR COUNTY STAFF AND PUBLIC AUDIENCES THAT SUPPORT
7 ACHIEVEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S SUSTAINABILITY GOALS; AND

8 (3) ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO GUIDE FUNCTIONS
9 AND PROCESSES CONDUCTED BY THE DIVISION.

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11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
12 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect July 1, 2023.



LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION _____

DISPOSITION _____

ENACTED _____

EFFECTIVE _____

AMENDMENTS _____

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