

**MEMORANDUM**

April 6, 2018

TO: County Council

FROM: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney *AMihill*

SUBJECT: Bill 10-18, Administration - Director of County Climate Policy – Established

PURPOSE: Public Hearing; no Council votes required

Bill 10-18, Administration - Director of County Climate Policy - Established, sponsored by Lead Sponsor Councilmember Leventhal and Co-Sponsors Councilmembers Berliner and Hucker, was introduced on March 20, 2018. A Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for June 18.

Bill 10-18 would require the County Executive to designate an employee as a Director of County Climate Policy and define the duties of the Director of County Climate Policy.

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Bill No. 10-18  
Concerning: Administration – Director of  
County Climate Policy - Established  
Revised: 3/14/2018 Draft No. 3  
Introduced: March 20, 2018  
Expires: September 20, 2019  
Enacted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunset Date: None  
Ch. \_\_\_\_\_, Laws of Mont. Co. \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Leventhal  
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Berliner and Hucker

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) require the County Executive to designate an employee as a Director of County Climate Policy;
- (2) define the duties of the Director of County Climate Policy; and
- (3) generally amend County laws related to administration and environmental sustainability.

By adding

Chapter 2, Administration  
Section 2-25C

<b>Boldface</b>	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

1           **Sec. 1. Section 2-25C is added as follows:**

2           **2-25C. Director of County Climate Policy.**

3           The Executive must designate an employee as the Director of County Climate  
4 Policy. Among other duties, the Director must:

- 5           (a) advise the Executive, the Council, the Office of Sustainability in the  
6 Department of Environmental Protection, the Office of Energy and  
7 Sustainability in the Department of General Services, the Department of  
8 Transportation, and any other appropriate government agency, on the  
9 best means to achieve climate goals;
- 10          (b) promote coordination between the Office of Sustainability, the Office of  
11 Energy and Sustainability, and the Department of Transportation;
- 12          (c) coordinate climate efforts with County agencies including the  
13 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission,  
14 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Montgomery County  
15 Public Schools, and Montgomery Community College;
- 16          (d) coordinate the development of public awareness programs to encourage  
17 residents to participate in the County's climate goals, including the  
18 reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;
- 19          (e) recommend legislation necessary to achieve climate goals; and
- 20          (f) serve as a liaison with the Montgomery County Green Bank.

## LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 10-18

*Administration – Director of County Climate Policy - Established*

**DESCRIPTION:** Bill 10-18 would require the County Executive to designate an employee as a Director of County Climate Policy and define the duties of the Director of County Climate Policy.

**PROBLEM:** County climate policy direction is determined by several departments and offices in County government.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** To allow the County to take a holistic approach to climate policy.

**COORDINATION:** Office of the County Executive, Departments of Environmental Protection, General Services, and Transportation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** To be requested.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** To be requested.

**EVALUATION:** To be requested.

**EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE:** To be researched.

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney, 240-777-7815

**APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES:** N/A

**PENALTIES:** N/A



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

GEORGE LEVENTHAL  
COUNCILMEMBER  
AT-LARGE

**MEMORANDUM**

March 13, 2018

TO: Councilmembers

FROM: George L. Leventhal, Councilmember *George*

SUBJECT: Director of County Climate Policy

On March 20, I will be introducing the attached legislation which would require the County Executive to establish a Director of County Climate Policy. The new director will advise, and coordinate activities among, the Executive, the Council, the Departments of Environmental Protection, General Services and Transportation, and will work with other appropriate government agencies on the best ways to achieve the County's climate goals.

The new director would also recommend legislation necessary to achieve climate goals as well as coordinate climate efforts with various County agencies including the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery Community College. A Director of County Climate Policy under the County Executive will allow county government to take a holistic approach to climate policy at the local level and will enable a strategic and uniformed approach on implementing the county's climate vision.

If you have any questions or if you would like to co-sponsor this bill, please contact Walton Harris in my office.