

Bill No. 26-20  
Concerning: Environmental Sustainability  
- Energy and Air Quality Committee -  
Amendments  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the County Executive

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) modify the duties and responsibilities of the Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee;
- (2) change the name of the Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee; and
- (3) generally revise County law regarding environmental sustainability.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 18A, Environmental Sustainability  
Sections 18A-1, 18A-5 and 18A-8.

<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. Sections 18A-1, 18A-5, and 18A-8 are amended as follows:**

2 **18A-1. Findings and statement of purpose.**

3 (a) In the interest of maintaining an adequate and reliable energy supply at  
4 reasonable cost, the County government recognizes the need to  
5 institutionalize through legislation an energy policy and energy planning  
6 program. In addition, the efficient use of energy directly benefits air  
7 quality and climate, demonstrating the linkages necessary to achieve  
8 essential environmental goals. For this reason, the responsibilities of the  
9 Advisory Committee on Climate, Energy, [Conservation] and Air Quality  
10 includes [are expanded to include] an advisory function with respect to  
11 air quality and climate change.

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13 **18A-5. Climate, Energy, and Air Quality Advisory Committee; establishment;**  
14 **terms of office; ex-officio members; etc.**

15 (a) There is hereby established an Advisory Committee on Climate, Energy,  
16 and Air Quality to assist the County Council and the County Executive  
17 in carrying out the purposes of this [Article] Chapter and Chapter 3. The  
18 Committee consists of 15 members appointed by the [County]  
19 Executive, subject to confirmation by the [County] Council. One  
20 member must be designated by the Executive and confirmed by the  
21 Council to serve as chair of the Committee. Each appointee must be a  
22 resident of the County who is technically knowledgeable and interested  
23 in climate change, energy and air quality.

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25 **18A-8. Duties and responsibilities.**

26 The Committee has the following duties:

27 (a) Advise the [County] Executive and the [County] Council of the activities  
 28 of the Committee in furthering the [goals] purpose of this [Article]  
 29 Chapter and Chapter 3;

30 (b) Comment on or assist in [Develop] developing recommendations to  
 31 promote and implement immediate and long-range [energy  
 32 consciousness in all segments of the community] policies and programs  
 33 aimed at meeting the County’s greenhouse gas emission reduction goals;

34 (c) Comment on or assist in developing recommendations to promote and  
 35 implement immediate and long-range policies and programs to promote  
 36 cleaner, more efficient, and more reliable energy use and practice in all  
 37 segments of the community;

38 [(c)] (d) Comment on or assist in developing programs to meet air quality  
 39 standards and to promote healthy indoor and outdoor air quality;

40 [(d)] (e) Identify areas and methods to encourage voluntary participation in  
 41 climate-related efforts, energy conservation efforts and air quality  
 42 improvements;

43 (f) Identify and recommend innovative programs, policies, and technologies  
 44 to improve climate and air quality for the Executive, the Council, and the  
 45 public to implement;

46 [(e)] (g) Recommend the development of educational programs and  
 47 materials to [Educate] educate the public and private sectors about the  
 48 efficient use of energy and its direct benefits for improved air quality and  
 49 reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and

50 [(f)] (h) Carry out duties assigned from time to time by the [County]  
 51 Executive and the [County] Council to assist in fulfilling the purposes of  
 52 this Article.

53 **Sec. 2. Transition.**

54           A member of the Committee serving when this Act takes effect continues as a  
55 member for the remainder of his or her term of office.

Approved:

  
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Sidney Katz, President, County Council 7/22/20  
Date

Approved:

  
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Marc Elrich, County Executive 7/29/2020  
Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

  
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Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council 7/29/2020  
Date