

Clerk’s Note: for consistent formatting, lines 28-31 and 33-36 (now 33-37) have been indented. Due to typographical errors, in line 80 (now line 81) “a lactation” has been inserted prior to “room”; line 60 (now 61) has been updated from “Section 33-27” to “Section 33-29”; line 77 (now 72) has been updated from “Section 33-28” to “Section 33-30”.

Bill No. 11-22
Concerning: Buildings – Lactation Rooms
in County Buildings - Required
Revised: 7/15/2022 Draft No. 3
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subsection (b)(2) and (c) of Section 8-
14(C) added under Section 1 of this Act,
effective 8/7/23; subsection (b)(2) of
Section 8-14(C), added under Section 1
of this Act, effective 8/7/24.
Sunset Date: _____
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Friedson
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Hucker, Albornoz, Katz, Navarro, Glass, Riemer, Jawando, and Rice

AN ACT to:

- (1) require County buildings to include a lactation room for County employees or provide alternative accommodations;
- (2) require employees to receive break time for lactation needs;
- (3) require the County Executive to establish personnel regulations for certain accommodations;
- (4) require certain educational materials posted on the County’s website; and
- (5) generally amend the law regarding buildings and personnel regulations.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 8, Buildings
Section 8-14C

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 33, Personnel and Human Resources
Sections 33-27 and 33-28

Boldface	<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 8-14C, 33-27, and 33-28 are amended as follows:**

2 **8-14C. [Reserved] Lactation Rooms in County Buildings.**

3 (a) Definitions. In this Section, the following terms have the meanings
 4 indicated.

5 County building means a building, whether existing or newly constructed,
 6 that is owned or leased by the County where County employees work.

7 County employee has the meaning stated in Section 33-6.

8 Department means the Department of General Services.

9 Director means the Director of General Services or the Director’s
 10 designee.

11 Lactation room means a designated sanitary room, other than a bathroom,
 12 made available for expressing breast milk, that:

- 13 (1) is shielded from view;
- 14 (2) is free from public or coworker intrusion;
- 15 (3) displays appropriate signage that indicates “lactation room” or
 16 “nursing room;” and
- 17 (4) contains the following:
 - 18 (A) a chair;
 - 19 (B) a flat surface to place a breast pump;
 - 20 (C) [[a sink with running water;]]
 21 can be locked or secured from the inside;
 - 22 (D) a small refrigerator;
 - 23 (E) a microwave;
 - 24 (F) at least one or more electrical outlets; and
 - 25 (G) any other related supplies as provided in regulations.

26 (b) Lactation room – required.

- 27 (1) New Construction. ~~[[Except as provided in subsection (c) or (d),]]~~
28 [the] The Department must provide at least one lactation room that
29 includes a sink with running water in each newly constructed
30 County building that is available for use by any County employee
31 to express breast milk.
- 32 (2) Existing Buildings. Except as provided in subsection (c) or (d), the
33 Department must provide at least one lactation room in an existing
34 County building that includes a sink with running water and
35 plumbing systems. If a sink with running water and plumbing
36 systems cannot be provided, the lactation room must have nearby
37 access to running water.
- 38 (c) Alternative Accommodation. If the Director determines that a County
39 building does not have a room that could be repurposed as a lactation
40 room, at a reasonable cost, the Department must consider alternative
41 accommodations. Alternative accommodation includes installing or
42 creating a space for a portable lactation room or station.
- 43 (1) The Executive may enter into a memorandum of understanding
44 between the Department and an owner that offers, for sale or lease,
45 a portable lactation room or station to meet the requirement for
46 subsection (c).
- 47 (d) Exceptions. A County building may be excluded from the requirement
48 under subsection (b), if the building:
- 49 (1) is solely a warehouse;
50 (2) is primarily used for archives; or
51 (3) would require new construction to create a lactation room and the
52 cost of such construction is unfeasible.

53 (e) Regulations. The Director may promulgate Method (2) regulations to
 54 implement the requirements of this Section.

55 (f) Assessment. The Department must complete, or cause to be completed,
 56 an assessment and survey of all applicable County buildings for the
 57 inclusion of a lactation room.

58 (g) Reporting. The Department must report to the County Council any
 59 findings, outcomes, and progress of the assessment required under
 60 subsection (f).

61 **33-29. [Reserved] Break Time for Lactation.**

62 (a) An employee must be provided with reasonable break time during the
 63 workday to accommodate the need for lactation.

64 (b) [[The break time must run concurrently with any lunch or normal break
 65 already provided to the employee unless an alternative schedule has been
 66 approved by the employee’s supervisor.]] Compensation. The County
 67 may not be required to compensate an employee receiving reasonable
 68 break time under subsection (a) for any time spent expressing breast milk
 69 at work.

70 (c) Regulations. The Director may promulgate Method (2) regulations to
 71 implement the requirements of this Section.

72 **33-30. [Reserved] Lactation Accommodation Policy.**

73 (a) Personnel regulations. The County Executive must adopt personnel
 74 regulations under Method (1) to establish a lactation accommodation
 75 policy. The policy, at a minimum, must contain guidelines regarding:

76 (1) the process to request the use of a lactation room, as provided
 77 under Section 8-14C(b);

78 (2) the process to request break time under Section 33-27;

79 (3) the availability of a lactation room as required under subsection
 80 (c); and

81 (4) best practices for maintenance of a lactation room, including
 82 recommended general cleaning of milk expression areas and
 83 storage of breast milk in the designated refrigerator.

84 (b) Outreach and Education. The Director of the Office of Human Resources
 85 must provide, or cause to be provided, on its website informational
 86 materials related to prenatal and postpartum breastfeeding for County
 87 employees.

88 (c) The Director of the Office of Human Resources, by use of existing or
 89 potential resources, must establish a method to communicate with County
 90 employees:

91 (1) the location of a lactation room in a County building; and

92 (2) the availability of that room for use.

93 **Sec. 2. [[Implementation]] Effective Date.** The County Executive must issue
 94 any policy and regulations required under this Act[, and make available the required
 95 lactation rooms,] within 6 months after the effective date of this Act. Subsection (f)
 96 of Section 8-14(C), added under Section 1 of this Act, an assessment must take effect
 97 3 months after the Act becomes law. Subsection (b)(2) and (c) of Section 8-14(C),
 98 added under Section 1 of this Act, requires complete planning, design, construction, or
 99 installation of lactation rooms in the highest occupancy buildings, as identified in the
 100 assessment report, this must take effect 9 months after the Act becomes law.
 101 Subsection (b)(2) of Section 8-14(C), added under Section 1 of this Act, requires all
 102 remaining existing buildings to include a lactation room, this must take effect 21
 103 months after the Act becomes law. Subsection (g) of Section 8-14(C), added under

104 Section 1 of this Act, periodic reporting must occur at 3 months, 9 months, and 21
105 months after the Act becomes law.

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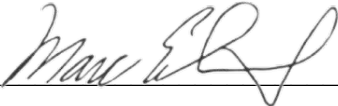


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Gabriel Albornoz, President, County Council

Date

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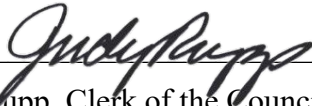


8/8/2022

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council

Date