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County Executive Kittleman announces plans for local flood recovery committee

Governor Hogan requests federal assistance

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman announced today that former county executive and state senator Jim Robey will serve as special advisor for community recovery for the rebuilding of flood-damaged Ellicott City.

Today, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan also requested that President Barack Obama issue a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Howard County as a result of the flooding. An approved disaster declaration would bring federal assistance to Howard County and Ellicott City through state and local agencies and public safety partners that served them during the storm.

For the new committee, Kittleman has asked that Robey's first task be to form a team comprised of representatives from local organizations, businesses, residents and the faith-based community who would offer direction on the continued rebuilding efforts for Ellicott City's Main Street area.

In the nearly two weeks since a storm dropped six inches of rain on the area in less than two hours, county crews have begun repairs along Main Street and residents, building owners and merchants have been given limited access to clean up their properties.

"We have made great strides in our cleanup following the storm," said Kittleman. "But we still have a long road ahead of us. Next we need to focus on rebuilding the town and rebuild it with the community in a way that is not only respectful of the past but has an eye to our future needs."

Kittleman said Robey was uniquely qualified to lead this process because as a lifelong Howard County resident, he is familiar with the people who live and work here and because he has experience and contacts to coordinate the county's state and federal assistance needs.

“Most importantly, Jim cares so deeply about our community,” Kittleman added. “He has the heart and understanding of what this community means to us. We’re so fortunate that he has accepted this role.”

Robey, who also served as the county’s chief of police from 1991-1998, was a police officer in 1972 when flooding in the days following Hurricane Agnes caused severe damage to Ellicott City and the surrounding areas.

‘I lived in Daniels at the time and the entire town was destroyed by Agnes,” Robey said. “So I can empathize with what folks are going through. It’s why I was quick to say yes to Allan when he asked.”

In addition to forming the committee, Kittleman announced that he is proposing county legislation to allow for permit fees to be waived for those affected by the flood. Kittleman will ask the County Council to return to session as quickly as possible to address this legislation.

Kittleman also announced that more than \$500,000 in monetary donations since the flood. A new Ellicott City Recovery Fund Committee will be responsible for a process to gather applications to distribute those funds. Kittleman announced that Howard County Councilman Jon Weinstein has agreed to chair a Recovery Fund Committee.

A new website, www.ECfloodrecovery.org, has been created to serve as a one-stop shop for all flood-related information and questions from those needing assistance.

In the Governor’s request to the White House, he designated the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) as the state coordinating agency for the disaster declaration. MEMA staff will work with Howard County staff and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to perform a damage assessment as the first step in seeking federal assistance. This process started several days after the storm, when building inspectors and public works officials declared the area safe.

“We’re grateful for the Governor’s request for federal assistance,” said Kittleman. “We are a resilient community and Ellicott City will rebuild. I have great memories there and I want my grandchildren to have great memories there, too.”

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**County Executive
of
Howard County, Maryland**

Executive Order: 2016-10

Dated: August 12, 2016

Subject: Emergency Legislative Session

WHEREAS, I, Allan H. Kittleman, the duly elected County Executive for Howard County, having declared on July 30, 2016, by Executive Order 2016-05 that an emergency exists in Howard County as a result of damage caused by a flood event;

WHEREAS, the state of emergency is currently extended until September 7, 2016, pursuant to County Council Bill No. 57-2016;

WHEREAS, the emergency previously declared continues to threaten health, safety, welfare, and property in the affected area;

WHEREAS, the damage caused by the flooding event will require extensive reconstruction and repair by businesses, residents, and other property owners;

WHEREAS, the damage caused by the flooding requires reconstruction and repair that will necessitate County-issued permits;

WHEREAS, residents, businesses, and other property owners in Howard County are anticipated to promptly apply to the County for certain permits as part of their repair and recovery efforts;

WHEREAS, the fee for a County permit set by County Council Resolution 65-2016 is due prior to issuance of the permit;

WHEREAS, property owners impacted by the flooding are facing undue hardships but must also perform certain work on their properties to make them usable and habitable;

WHEREAS, reducing the cost of reconstruction and repair by reducing the fee for a County permit for a certain period of time is one way that the County can assist the residents with financial relief; and

WHEREAS, reducing the cost of reconstruction and repair will support and accelerate the recovery of both damaged properties and affected areas as a whole, and thus is necessary to protect public, health, safety, and welfare and to protect property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED, by the County Executive of Howard County, Maryland, that, in accordance with Section 208(d) of the Howard County Charter, that an emergency session of the Howard County Council be convened as soon as practically possible to consider legislation to amend permit fees, as set by Resolution 65-2016, for a limited period of time and with respect to properties damaged by the severe flooding event; and

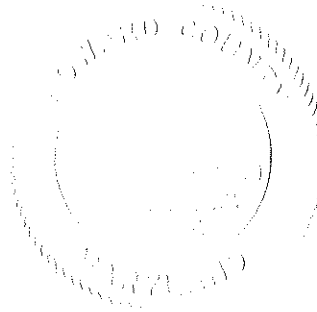
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

1. This Executive Order shall be promptly and generally publicized; and
2. A copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the Administrator to the County Council of Howard County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Allan H. Kittleman, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 12th day of August, 2016.



Allan H. Kittleman
County Executive



Introduced _____
Public Hearing _____
Council Action _____
Executive Action _____
Effective Date _____

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 11

Bill No. CB58-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Cosponsored by: Jon Weinstein

AN ACT amending certain fees, as previously set by Resolution 65-2016, Resolution 111-2012, and Resolution 63-2016, for a limited time and related to properties damaged by the severe flooding event in historic Ellicott City addressed by the Executive Order 2016-05 issued on July 30, 2016; and making this Act an Emergency Bill.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2016. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2016.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2016 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ____ day of _____, 2016 at ____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2016

Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strikeout~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive issued an Executive Order on July 30, 2016, related to
2 a severe flooding event in historic Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland, that occurred on July
3 30, 2016; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Order was initially numbered 2016-73016 and subsequently
6 renumbered as 2016-05; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Order was extended by the County Council until September
9 7, 2016 by passage of Bill No. 57-2016; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the damage caused by the flooding event will require extensive
12 reconstruction and repair by multiple businesses, residents, and other property owners; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the damage caused by the flooding requires reconstruction and repair that
15 will necessitate County-issued permits; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, residents, businesses, and other property owners are anticipated to promptly
18 apply to the County for certain permits and licenses as part of their repair and recovery efforts;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, the fees for County permits and licenses are due prior to issuance of the
21 permits and licenses; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, property owners, residents, and business owners affected by the flooding
24 are facing undue hardships but must also perform certain work on their properties to make them
25 usable and habitable; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, reducing the cost of reconstruction and repair by reducing the fees as
28 provided in this Resolution for a period of time is one way that the County can assist the property
29 owners, residents, and business owners with financial relief; and

1 **WHEREAS**, reducing the cost of reconstruction and repair will support and accelerate
2 the recovery of both damaged properties and affected areas as a whole, and thus is necessary to
3 protect public health, safety, and welfare and to protect property.

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5 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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7 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that:

8 1. *The schedule of fees and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County*
9 *Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, as set by Resolution No. 65-2016,*
10 *is hereby amended, for each of the following schedules:*

11 *Building, Grading & Miscellaneous Construction Permits*

12 *Fire Protection Permits*

13 *Building Permit & Miscellaneous Fees*

14 *Fire Protection Permit Fees*

15 *Grading, Drainage, and Erosion Control Permit Fees*

16 *Electrical Fee Schedules*

17 *Electrical Permit Fee Schedule*

18 *Plumbing Fees*

19 *Schedule of Plumbing Permit Fees, and*

20 *Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Permit; and,*

21 2. *The Food Service Facility Fee Schedule for certain functions regulated by the*
22 *Howard County Department of Health, as set by Resolution No. 111-2012, is hereby*
23 *amended, for each of the following:*

24 *Food Service Facility Licenses*

25 *Temporary Food Service Facility*

26 3. *For each of the foregoing schedules, for permits and licenses to perform work arising*
27 *from the July 30, 2016 disaster, as defined by Executive Order 2016-05, the fee shall*
28 *be \$0.00 (zero dollars and zero cents), provided a valid permit or license application*
29 *is submitted during the period August 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.*

1 4. *The schedule for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer*
2 *service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities, as set by Resolution No. 63-2016, is*
3 *hereby amended, for each of the following schedules:*

4 *Front-Foot Benefit Assessment Charge*

5 *Ad Valorem Charges*

6 *General System Benefit Charge*

7 *In-Aid-Of-Construction Charges*

8 *Charges for Unmetered Water Connections Associated With Private Fire*

9 *Protection Systems*

10 *Utility Connection Charges*

11 *Design Approval, Construction Inspection, And Annual Operation, Maintenance,*

12 *Repair, And Replacement Fees For Shared Sewage Disposal Facilities*

13 *Annual Operation, Maintenance, Repair And Replacement Fees*

14 *Utility User Charges And Surcharges Industrial Pre-treatment And Sewer*

15 *Surcharge Rates*

16 *Utility Special Charges*

17 5. *For the foregoing schedule for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to*
18 *water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities, charges incurred*
19 *for the time period from the July 30, 2016 disaster, as defined by Executive Order*
20 *2016-05, until October 31, 2016, shall be \$0.00 (zero dollars and zero cents), for the*
21 *accounts associated with properties located within the No Access Area established by*
22 *Executive Order 2016-06.*

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24 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*
25 *this Act is an Emergency Bill that is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare*
26 *and is effective upon enactment.*