

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, Maryland (“the Board”), has enacted and codified the "Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County, Maryland"; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized under the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to enact and amend ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to extend the deferral on final approval of retirement villages and retirement homes in the Freedom Designated Growth Area previously adopted on December 18, 2025, to give the Planning Commission and County staff additional time to study the matter in connection with enactment of possible legislation on this subject.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County, Maryland:

ARTICLE I

§ 158.161.01 TEMPORARY DEFERRAL ON RETIREMENT VILLAGES AND RETIREMENT HOMES IN THE FREEDOM DESIGNATED GROWTH AREA.

There shall be a temporary deferral on the final approval of all retirement villages and retirement homes in the Freedom Designated Growth Area as defined in § [158.002](#) until October 1, 2026 starting with the effective date of this Ordinance. However, such projects submitted as of the effective date of this section may continue to be reviewed and processed by the county up to

but not including final approval but may be subject to any amendments to any zoning, subdivision, or portions of the Carroll County Code of Ordinances made during the deferral period.

ARTICLE II. SEVERABILITY.

Should any provision, section, paragraph, or subparagraph of this ordinance, including any code, or text adopted herby, be declared null and void, illegal, unconstitutional, or otherwise determined to be unenforceable by a court having jurisdiction; the same shall not affect the validity, legality, or enforceability of any other provision, section, paragraph or subparagraph hereof, including any code or text adopted hereby. Each such provision, section, paragraph, or subparagraph is expressly declared to be and is deemed severable.

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND,
a body corporate and politic
of the State of Maryland

Vivian Daly, County Clerk

_____(SEAL)
Joseph A. Vigliotti, President

_____(SEAL)
Michael R. Guerin, Vice-President

_____(SEAL)
Thomas S. Gordon III, Commissioner

_____(SEAL)
Kenneth A. Kiler, Commissioner

_____(SEAL)
Susan W. Krebs, Commissioner

Approved for legal sufficiency:

Timothy C. Burke, County Attorney

Notice of Public Hearing published: _____
Public Hearing held: _____
Public Meeting to adopt Ordinance: _____
Notice of Adoption of Ordinance published: _____
Ordinance filed with Clerk of Court: _____

I hereby certify that the actions described above took place on the dates referred to above and that this Ordinance is effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2026.

Timothy C. Burke, County Attorney