



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL**

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### **Covid-19 Council Updates**

**Ellicott City, MD.** – The County Council announces the following changes to schedule, deadlines and Council Office operations as a result of the Covid-19 public health emergency:

March 20, 2020 – Council will meet at 1:00 p.m. in emergency legislative session and hearing on a proposal to extend the state of emergency declared by County Executive Calvin Ball on March 15, 2020. Notice of the emergency session and instructions on how to watch and provide public comment will be posted on the Council website at <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/>.

Hearings scheduled in March and April before the Zoning Board are postponed and will be rescheduled pending abatement of the Covid-19 public health emergency.

Hearings scheduled in March and April before the Board of Appeals are postponed and will be rescheduled pending abatement of the Covid-19 public health emergency.

Hearings scheduled in March and April before the Council Hearing Examiners are postponed and will be rescheduled pending abatement of the Covid-19 public health emergency.

Hearings scheduled in March and April before the Alcohol Beverages Hearing Board are postponed and will be rescheduled pending abatement of the Covid-19 public health emergency.

Pursuant to Governor Hogan's Order titled "Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements," dated March 12, 2020, as well as, County Executive Ball's Executive Order 2020-03, dated March 16, 2020, the Board of Licensing Commissioners has suspended the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to submit renewal applications for alcoholic beverage licenses. Additionally, pursuant to the aforementioned orders by the Governor and the County Executive, the Board of Licensing Commissioners also suspends the expiration date on current alcoholic beverage licenses. The suspension of the renewal deadline and expiration date shall be in effect until thirty (30) days after the date by which the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is

rescinded. Please continue to check the Howard County Board of License Commissioner's website for specific updates regarding renewal deadlines and current license expiration.