

Ordinance No. 15-25

ORDINANCE: To amend Section 1-8, entitled "Application of County law," of Chapter 1 of the Rockville City Code, entitled "General Provisions," to allow Chapter 48, Solid Waste, Article IX (Plastic Carryout Bag Reduction), Section 48-65 (Short Title), Section 48-66 (Definitions), 48-67 (Plastic carryout bag-prohibited) and Section 40-68 (Penalty and enforcement) of the Montgomery County Code to apply in the City of Rockville

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND as follows:

SECTION I – That Chapter 1 of the Rockville City Code, entitled "General Provisions," be amended as follows:

Chapter 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Sec. 1-8. - Application of County law.

- (a) The City is generally exempt from all legislation heretofore or hereafter enacted by the County relating to any subject upon which the City has been heretofore or is hereafter granted legislative authority to act either by public general law or by the City Charter.
- (b) The following chapters of the Montgomery County Code, 2014, or portions thereof, enacted by Montgomery County, as they now exist and as may hereafter be amended, are exceptions to the general exemption contained in subsection (a) and shall be applicable within the City until such time as the City duly exempts the City from their application:
 - (1) Chapter 1 (general provisions), shall apply within the City only to the extent that such application is necessary to effectively implement other County laws that apply within the City;
 - (2) Chapter 2 (administration) shall apply within the City only to the extent that such application is necessary to effectively implement other County laws that apply within the City;
 - (3) Chapter 3 (air quality control);

- (4) Chapter 3A (alarms);
- (5) Chapter 6 (auction sales);
- (6) Chapter 7 (bicycles);
- (7) Chapter 10B (common ownership communities);
- (8) Chapter 11 (consumer protection);
- (9) Chapter 11A (condominiums);
- (10) Chapter 11C (cooperative housing);
- (11) Chapter 18A (environmental sustainability), article 6 (building energy use benchmarking), except that compliance for Group 1 covered buildings as set forth in Section 18A-39(b) is June 1, 2017;
- (12) Chapter 21 (fire and rescue services);
- (13) Chapter 24, section 24-9 (smoking prohibitions and restrictions), section 24-9D (tobacco products—placement), and section 24-11B (bodywork establishments);
- (14) Chapter 24B (homeowners' associations);
- (15) Chapter 26, section 26-8A (carbon monoxide alarm or detector required); except that the provisions of section 26-8A shall apply to any occupied single-unit, semi-detached, and townhouse unit, as defined in chapter 5 of this Code, for which a building permit was issued before January 1, 2008.
- (16) Chapter 27 (human rights and civil liberties);
- (17) Chapter 30A (Montgomery County municipal revenue program);
- (18) Chapter 30C (motor vehicle towing from private property);
- (19) Chapter 31 (motor vehicles and traffic);
- (20) Chapter 31A (motor vehicle repair and towing registration);
- (21) Chapter 31B (noise control), except that this chapter shall not apply to refuse collection performed by the City;
- (22) Chapter 31C (new home warranty and builder licensing), except that all references to the building codes of the County shall mean the building codes of the City, all references to the Department of Permitting Services shall mean that office or department of the City charged with the responsibility of issuing building permits for construction in the City, and all references to County-required inspections shall mean City-required inspections. Nothing herein shall grant Montgomery County the authority to issue building permits within the City or to conduct inspections in connection with such permits. The County shall have the authority to inspect property within the City in connection with its investigation of any consumer complaint.
- (23) Chapter 33B (pesticides);

- (24) Chapter 38A (radio, television and electrical appliance installation and repair);
- (25) Chapter 40, Real Property, Section 40-13B (energy performance audits -single family homes), Section 40-13C (radon test- single family home), and Section 40-14 (penalty for violation of Article; enforcement);
- (26) Chapter 44A (secondhand personal property);
- (27) (i) Chapter 48 (solid waste), article V (recycling) shall apply within the City only as it pertains to businesses and multi-family residences with seven (7) or more dwelling units; and
 - (ii) The Code of Montgomery County Regulations (COMCOR), Section 48.00.03 implementing Montgomery County Residential and Commercial Recycling programs and requirements, shall apply within the City, except for the regulations contained in Section 48.00.03.03(a) pertaining to the County's single family residential recycling program, including dwellings having six (6) or fewer dwelling units; and
 - (iii) Chapter 48 (solid waste), article VI (disposable food service products and packaging materials), sections 48-52, 48-53, 48-54, 48-55, 48-56, 48-57, and 48-58, except that straws shall not be included in the definition of "disposable food service products."
 - (iv) Chapter 48 (solid waste), article IX (plastic carryout bag reduction), sections 48-65, 48-66, 48-67, and 48-68.
- (28) Chapter 53 (taxicabs and limousines);
- (29) Chapter 53A (tenant displacement);
- (30) Chapter 54A (transit facilities).

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SECTION II – This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

Note: [Brackets] indicate material deleted.

Underlining indicates material added

Asterisks * * * indicate material unchanged by this ordinance

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy
of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its
meeting of November 10, 2025


Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of
Council Operations