



# FREDERICK COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

## MAY 2022 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### **Annual REALTORS® Legislative Meetings**

Registration is still open for this year's [REALTORS® Legislative Meetings](#) taking place May 1-6 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center at the National Harbor. This is where NAR members take an active role to advance the real estate industry, public policy, and the Association. REALTORS® come to the Washington, DC area for Capitol Hill visits, special issues forums, committee meetings, legislative activities, and the industry trade show. The event is free for members with a valid NAR Member ID. Hope to see you there!

### **Coming Up at the County Council: May**

This month, the Frederick County Council is taking up a number of issues relevant to FCAR including Amending the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, a Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan Resolution for Frederick County, and the Constant Yield Tax Rate.

Council meetings are [live streamed](#) and air on Comcast channels 19 (SD) and 1085 (HD). You can also attend in person at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

### **May Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 - County Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 - County Council Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 - Thurmont Town Meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 3:00 - City of Frederick Mayor and Board of Aldermen Workshop

Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 - Myersville Mayor & Council Workshop

Thursday, May 5, 7:00 - City of Frederick Mayor & Board of Aldermen Public Hearing

Thursday, May 5, 7:00 - Middletown Town Board Workshop

Monday, May 9, 7:00 - Burkittsville Town Meeting

Monday, May 9, 7:00 - Middletown Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 5:30 - County Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 6:00 - Brunswick Mayor & Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 - Myersville Mayor & Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 - Thurmont Town Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 - Woodsboro Council Meeting  
Wednesday, May 11, 2:00 - City of Frederick Legislative Work Session  
Wednesday, May 11, 3:00 - City of Frederick Mayor and Board of Aldermen Workshop  
Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 - Walkersville Town Meeting with the Burgess & Commissioners  
Thursday, May 12, 7:00 - New Market Town Council Meeting  
Monday, May 16, 7:30 - Emmitsburg Town Meeting  
Tuesday, May 17, 5:30 - County Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 - Thurmont Town Meeting  
Wednesday, May 18, 3:00 - City of Frederick Mayor and Board of Aldermen Workshop  
Thursday, May 19, 7:00 - City of Frederick Mayor & Board of Aldermen Public Hearing  
Monday, May 23, 7:00 - Middletown Town Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 24, 5:30 - County Council Workshop  
Tuesday, May 24, 6:00 - Brunswick Mayor & Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 - County Council Public Hearing  
Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 - Thurmont Town Meeting  
Wednesday, May 25, 2:00 - City of Frederick Legislative Work Session  
Wednesday, May 25, 3:00 - City of Frederick Mayor and Board of Aldermen Workshop  
Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 - Walkersville Town Meeting with the Burgess & Commissioners  
Tuesday, May 31, 5:30 - County Council Workshop

### **RPAC Spotlight**

Ever wonder what you receive from your RPAC investment? If you were glad when the eviction moratorium ended last August, support the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, or have received a PPP loan, you can thank RPAC! NAR recently released some of its 2021 federal accomplishments which directly benefit REALTORS®; view it [here](#).

NAR's federal advocacy team worked tirelessly in 2021 to protect the real estate sector during the pandemic. But RPAC doesn't just help you in Congress. It also helps to defeat harmful legislation at the state and local levels, like transfer tax increases, a 5% sales tax on your income, statewide rental registration and rent control, and many others.

You can support those efforts, and maintain a strong REALTOR® Party, by investing in RPAC in 2022. We promise you a great return on your investment. Click [here](#) to invest today!

### **Legislative Session Update**

Midnight on Monday, April 11, marked the official end of the 2022 Maryland Legislative Session. As always, the 2022 Session featured its share of REALTOR® wins, some losses, and more than a couple key amendments which changed the status of industry bills. REALTOR® priority bills on CE Affidavits ([HB 807](#)) and Pay at the Table ([HB 568/SB 425](#)) were both approved by the General Assembly. But that's not all. The House and Senate also gave approval to 25 other pieces of legislation supported by Maryland REALTORS®. These include measures to:

- enhance property tax credit programs expand online notarization services

- reform the partition sale process for inherited properties
- study appraisal issues in the state
- dedicate surplus state property to the development of affordable housing
- find alternative funding sources for legal representation for tenants facing eviction
- exclude certain products from the digital downloads tax

REALTOR® advocacy efforts also defeated 34 bills which we opposed. Those include:

- raising eviction filing fees
- mandating electric vehicle charging infrastructure for residences
- requiring mold inspections for rental dwellings
- mandating homeowner's insurance coverage for all dwellings
- instituting a "just cause" requirement for non-renewal of leases
- imposing a 15% transfer tax on properties purchased by institutional investors
- holding landlords responsible for rodents and bedbugs, regardless of the cause

Looking for the outcome of a bill that isn't mentioned above? The [2022 Legislative Status Report](#) gives the final status of all the legislation we tracked this session.

### **REALTOR® Party Mobile Alerts**

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