**Coming Up at the Council: March 2022**

The FCAR Advocacy Committee is tracking both county and municipality legislation. Some noteworthy county bills include:

* [22-01](https://frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/335770/PROPOSED-BILL---EV-PV) - Requires electric vehicle charging infrastructure for new residential structures. Amendment to make the requirement for only one dedicated parking space.
* [22-05](https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/336510/3122-Bill-No-22-05--Amendments-to-Ch-1-19-of-FCG-Zoning-Ord---Add-Critical-Digital-Infrastructure-as-a-New-Use) - Amend the Frederick County Code to amend Chapter 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning) to add Critical Digital Infrastructure as a new use.

To read more about all of the county bills, visit the [Council Bills](https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/8283/Council-Bills-2022) website. County meetings will be streamed through the [County website](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/councilmeetings).

**March Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, March 1, 5:30 PM – County Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 7:00 PM – County Council Public Hearing

Tuesday, March 8, 5:30 PM – County Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 PM – County Council Public Hearing

Tuesday, March 15, 5:30 PM – County Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 5:30 PM – County Council Workshop

Tuesday, March 29, 5:30 PM – County Council Workshop

**RPAC Spotlight**

We want to give our appreciation to the FCAR Members who were 2021 RPAC Major Investors. These individuals gave at least $1,000 to help protect our industry from harm. They are:

* Amanda Addington
* Kris Alcorn
* Bill Armstrong (President's Circle, Golden R)
* Kevin Carey
* Tony "C" Checchia
* Barb Davis
* Brandi DIllon
* Leigh Fangmeyer
* Hugh Gordon
* Jennifer Grove
* Marla Johnson
* Terry LaScola
* Amos Martin
* Sara Morris
* Peter Murray
* Maureen Nichols
* Greg Phillips

You can join them in 2022, or support RPAC in any other amount, through our [online investment link](https://www.fcar.org/rpac).

**State Legislation Update**

The 444th Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly kicked off on January 12, and HCAR is working closely with the Maryland REALTORS® Legislative Committee to monitor legislation that could affect your business. To read up on the bills we’ve already reviewed please view the [Maryland Realtors Legislation Status Report](http://206.125.169.9/RealtorStatusReport.html). A few of the noteworthy bills that the state is strongly supporting include:

* [HB 553](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0553?ys=2022RS): **Condominiums - Mandatory Insurance Coverage - Alterations** - Mandatory property insurance coverage for detached units is only required to insure against the common elements.
* [HB 568/SB 425](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0568?ys=2022RS): **Real Estate Associate Brokers and Salespersons - Compensation - Payment From Title Insurance Producer** - Authorizes a licensed title insurance producer to pay compensation for the provision of real estate brokerage services to associate real estate brokers, real estate salespersons, or business entities on behalf of a real estate broker during a property settlement.
* [HB 720/SB 424](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0720?ys=2022RS): **Real Estate - Real Estate Brokerage Services and Termination of Residential Real Estate Contracts (The Anthony Moorman Act)** - Requires a real estate broker or an escrow agent to distribute trust money to a purchaser, if the purchaser terminates a residential real estate contract under the terms of a contingency clause, within 30 days after written notice of termination is sent to the holder of the trust money.
* [HB 807](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0807?ys=2022RS): **Real Estate Brokers, Salespersons, and Associate Brokers - Continuing Education Courses - Verification of Identity** - Requires an instructor of a continuing education course to require an individual enrolled in the course to provide photo identification or, for a virtual course, a signed affidavit attesting to the identity of the individual.
* [HB 1162](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB1162?ys=2022RS): **Campaign Finance - Collections by Membership Entities - Noncampaign Political Activity** - Authorizes a membership entity to require a member to donate up to a specified amount to “noncampaign political activity” of the membership entity if the member chooses not to contribute to a political action committee affiliated with the membership entity.
* [HB 1259/SB 871](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB1259?ys=2022RS): **Accessory Dwelling Unit Authorization and Promotion Act** - Requires each legislative body to adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on land zoned for single-family residential use by October 1, 2023.