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GCAAR'S PUBLIC POLICY BRIEF

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Montgomery County

County Executive and Councilmember Ask for Business Community Input

Over the past few months, County Executive Marc Elrich and Councilmember Sidney Katz have been holding listening tours about our business climate. All of these efforts have been in support of the CE's 4Business: Benchmarking to Be the Best for Business initiative.



Last week 4Business launched a business survey, called the "[4Business Climate Survey](#)"

The questionnaire takes only a few minutes, and solicits feedback on the County's business climate, access and awareness to business resources, and more. It also includes multiple places for open-ended responses so respondents can provide additional thoughts.

GCAAR members have a chance to enhance Montgomery County's business environment. Please consider taking [the survey](#) and sharing it with your colleagues and coworkers.

The deadline for participation is September 30.

County Council Passes Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Legislation

After months of committee and Council worksessions, the Montgomery County Council unanimously passed Zoning Text Amendment 19-01, Accessory Residential Uses - Accessory Apartments.

ZTA 19-01 allows the creation of detached accessory apartments as a limited use in more residential areas of the county. It also eases accessory dwelling unit requirements regarding parking, dwelling unit size, recency of building construction, and lot size.



The legislation also will allow an accessory structure built before May 31, 2012 to be used as an ADU without regard to setbacks, if it was legally constructed and there is no increase to the footprint or height of the structure. No further construction to the outside of the structure - including windows - can be done without bringing the entire structure up to current zoning code requirements.

For more information, please see the Council's final action packet [found here](#).

Lead Disclosure Form Update

The DC Lead Disclosure Form is being updated to reflect a new DC law regarding disclosure of lead in water pipes. [Learn more here](#).

The form is currently undergoing stakeholder review and is subject to change. We have updated our library to reflect the most current version of the form on the DC government's website.

Please check dc.gov to ensure that you are using the most recent version of the form. You may also call the DC Department of Energy & Environment at 1-800-855-1000 or email them at lead.regulations@dc.gov if you have any questions.



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