

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Resolution No. 63-10

Mr. John Olszewski, Sr., Chairman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, August 2, 2010

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council to adopt the Baltimore County Design Manual.

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Department of Public Works has revised and updated the Baltimore County Design Manual which is intended to guide the design of public works projects in the County; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2010, the Baltimore County Planning Board voted to recommend approval of the Department of Public Works Design Manual with amendments as recommended by an ad hoc Baltimore County Planning Board Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board transmitted the Manual to the Council on June 23, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Section 32-4-404 of the Baltimore County Code requires the County Council to adopt the Manual with any amendments it deems appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has reviewed the Manual and the proposed amendments; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Department of Public Works Design Manual is hereby adopted with the amendments as recommended by Planning Board, and subject to further amendments deemed appropriate by the County Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Baltimore County Design Manual shall be effective as of the date of adoption of this Resolution.

Proposed Amendments to the Baltimore County Design Manual

Councilman Olszewski
(By Req.)

1. On page 1 of the General Instructions section of the Manual, after the second paragraph under “I. General Information”, insert the following:

“The objective of this Design Manual is to provide a sound, workable guide for the standardization of all designs prepared for public (and private, as applicable) construction projects in Baltimore County. In using this document, the Design Professional shall not be relieved of the responsibility of applying his own knowledge and professional judgement toward the designs.

Waivers or Variances

Waivers or variances of these design guidelines may be approved, by the Director of Public Works or his designee, on the basis of a justification/analysis which will include but not be limited to life cycle costs, maintenance requirements, context sensitive considerations or other local considerations.”

2. On page 1 of the “Water Main Design Standards” section of the Manual, in paragraph B., strike beginning with the third sentence down to and including the end of the paragraph.
3. On page 3 of the “Wastewater Collection and Pumping” section of the Manual, in paragraph G., strike beginning with the third sentence down to and including the end of the paragraph.