

Council passes bill for more affordable housing

It changes the MPDU program

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Md. - Montgomery County Council members approved a bill, to allow for more affordable housing in the county.

The bill, introduced by council member Nancy Floreen, modernizes the county's Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit program. Developers, building new housing, will have to make a payment to the Housing Initiative Fund. It also gives the council the power to increase the percentage of required MPDUs depending on the community.

"Having housing types, whether Accessory Dwelling Units or other types of units, just creates more options and hopefully allows housing to be created at a more affordable price point," said Hans Riemer, Montgomery County Council president.

Current law requires that 12.5% of housing developments have to be MPDUs, but in some cases, the council says it should be 15%.