

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

ESSENTIAL WORKER HOUSING ACCESS ACT (BILL 78-23)

Summary

The Essential Worker Housing Access Act would create county-wide housing opportunities for essential workers by requiring developers of new residential subdivisions to offer a percentage of units at an affordable price.

If passed, the bill would ensure the following:

- 1 Essential workers like teachers, firefighters, nurses, construction workers, and service workers can access affordable housing in areas of the county where they work.
- 2 Affordable housing opportunities are available throughout the county.
- 3 Affordable housing options are available to a diverse and inclusive cross-section of our county.

A Proven Program

The proposed workforce housing program is modeled after Inclusionary Housing programs existing in over 700 jurisdictions across the USA, including several neighboring jurisdictions

Stakeholder Engagement

The bill was developed in coordination with a diverse group of stakeholders, including developers, housing experts, and civil rights organizations

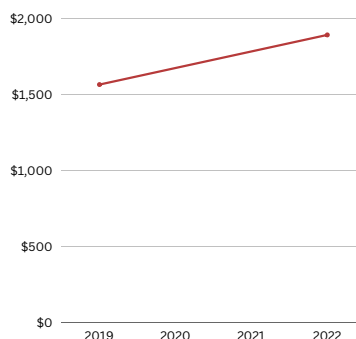
Public Support

Based on the AACC Spring Survey, 67% of residents support the idea that the county should “do more” to solve the housing problem

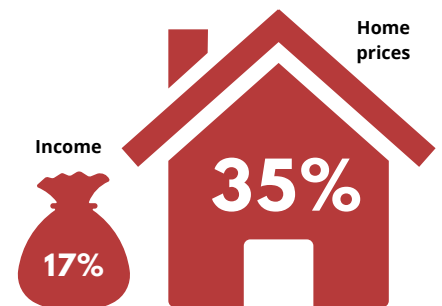
Why is it Important?

45%

45% of renters are cost-burdened, paying more than 30% of their income on housing



Rental prices have risen dramatically over the last 3 years from \$1,566 per month in 2019 to \$1,893 by the end of 2022



From 2017 to 2022, median home prices rose by 35%, while median household incomes only rose by 17.38%