

Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Impact Statement

EXPEDITED BILL 1-21: GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY- RENAMED- EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL EXCISE TAX- REPEALED

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) expects Expedited Bill 1-21 to have a minimal impact on racial equity and social justice among Montgomery County residents at-large.

BACKGROUND

On January 12, 2021, the County Council introduced Expedited Bill 1-21 to change the name of a policy and cancel a tax no longer used in the County with amendments to:

- Rename the Subdivision Staging Policy the Growth and Infrastructure Policy;
 - Repeal the Expedited Development Approval Excise Tax; and
 - Generally amend the law governing the County Growth and Infrastructure Policy.¹
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ANTICIPATED RESJ IMPACTS

OLO anticipates that Expedited Bill 1-21 will have little to no impact on racial equity or social justice in the County beyond the impact of the original legislation it amends (Bill 37-20, Subdivision, APF Amendments²). Since Expedited Bill 1-21 codifies existing policies and practices implemented under Bill 37-20, no changes in RESJ for residents in the County are anticipated under Expedited Bill 1-21.

CAVEATS

Two caveats to this racial equity and social justice impact statement should be noted. First, predicting the impact of legislation on racial equity and social justice is a challenging, analytical endeavor due to data limitations, uncertainty, and other factors. Second, this RESJ statement is intended to inform the legislative process rather than determine whether the Council should enact legislation. Thus, any conclusion made in this statement does not represent OLO's endorsement of, or objection to, the bill under consideration.

CONTRIBUTIONS

OLO staffer Dr. Theo Holt drafted this racial equity and social justice impact statement.

¹ Montgomery County Council, Expedited Bill 1-21, Growth and Infrastructure Policy- Renamed- Expedited Development Approval Excise Tax- Repealed, January 12, 2021, Montgomery County Council.

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² https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20201112/20201112_1-2.pdf