



Government Update



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Wicomico County Legislative Issues

- **Wicomico Planning and Zoning**

Members to this board have been appointed and approved by the Council – they'll begin meeting within the next month, slated to begin after September 1st.

Salisbury is still looking for participants for their board.



Wicomico County Legislative Issues

Upcoming Meetings & Agendas:

- Salisbury Council: 08/25/2025. Government Office Building, Salisbury, MD. [Legislative Session](#). [Work Session](#).





Somerset County Legislative Issues

Tawes

- We are looking for event sponsors, please direct those interested in attending, volunteering, or sponsoring the event to this link:
<https://members.coastalrealtors.org/event-calendar/Details/2025-j-millard-tawes-crab-and-clam-bake-1398323?sourceType=Hub>

Upcoming Meetings: Crisfield. 4 East Main Street
Crisfield, Maryland 21817. 6:00PM



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Worcester County Legislative Issues

Offshore Wind: Recent news broke that the Trump Administration is investigating the components necessary to build offshore wind turbines, most of which are imported, as a national security threat.

This comes soon after wind turbines, specifically the steel and aluminum used in their manufacturing, are subject to a 50% tariff.

Diakonia broke ground on it's new "House of Hope" last week and fundraising for this new facility is still open.



Worcester County Legislative Issues



Upcoming Meetings & Agendas

Snow Hill: 09/02/25. Worcester Government Building, room 1102, Snow Hill. 5PM.

Ocean City: 08/26/25. Town Hall. 1PM. [Agenda.](#)

Berlin: 08/25/2025. Berlin Town Hall. 6PM. [Agenda.](#)





DHCD Housing Needs Assessment for 2026

[Click here to read the full assessment.](#)

DHCD put their housing needs assessment out this past week – here are a few key takeaways:

- Maryland needs about 590,000 new housing units by 2045 to meet projected demand
- The cost burden for renters has increased from 33% since 2000 to 46% since 2022.
- Homeownership is increasingly out of reach for moderate-income households; only 49% could afford the median home in 2022, down from 75% in 2000.
- For every 1,000 renters earning 0–30% of Area Median Income (AMI), 610 affordable homes are missing.

Maryland's housing shortage is multifaceted, and DHCD will be bringing forth legislation this Session to remedy the worsening inventory shortage for our state. This is a very interesting read and I'm happy to discuss further!

