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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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WORCESTER COUNTY:

Ocean City: Officials last week approved a code amendment that will allow habitable attics, but not before making a compromise on parking requirements. The ordinance now defines a finished habitable attic as an accessory room, which would require an additional half parking space for multifamily units and townhomes.

Ocean City: House Economic Matters Chair C.T. Wilson (D-Charles) and Vice Chair Brian M. Crosby (D-St. Mary's) will introduce a bill later this week to buttress USWind, the one company fully committed to building wind installations in federal waters near Maryland, and encourage more players to enter the marketplace. Ørsted has said that unlike the New Jersey projects the company plans to stick behind the Ocean City project.

Pocomoke: The town rescheduled a council meeting that was to be held on 4/5/24 and have moved it to 4/12/24. Of note is an ordinance to set up town standards for rental properties.

WICOMICO COUNTY:

Salisbury: The county council voted to allow the county executive to purchase the old Verizon building on Mt. Hermon road. Several county offices, including the health department, will be located there.



MARYLAND: The general assembly is on week 4 of the 2024 session. Governor Moore did the State of the State address on Wednesday, 2/7/24. During the speech the governor again toted his priorities of affordable housing, public safety, and childcare. Governor Moore acknowledged the problems for lower income families in the state as data has shown that Maryland is the 7th most expensive state to reside in. The Governor has also begun to implement a plan to put measurable standards into all state agencies.

As noted before the battle for offshore wind is not close to being decided. Both the General Assembly and the Governors office are making it a priority to make Maryland a leader in green energy.