

Montgomery County Must Face Facts!

- FACT:** Methane gas (the industry falsely calls it “natural gas”) is an unhealthy, dangerous product.
- FACT:** Homes and buildings that burn methane gas or propane gas for heating and cooking emit greenhouse gasses that contribute to more intense storms, more flooding in this area, and more drought and fires in other places.
- FACT:** Homes that burn methane gas or propane gas for stoves and cooktops significantly increase the risk of asthma and other respiratory diseases that especially affect children and older people.
- FACT:** Methane gas continually leaks from underground pipes, and some leaks are big enough to cause massive, sometimes fatal explosions.
- FACT:** Methane gas prices are up 38% in the past year and gas “distribution costs” are projected to rise at least 200% in coming years.
- FACT:** Clean, renewable electricity gets cheaper and more abundant every year.
- FACT:** People who have all-electric heat pumps, water heaters, and stoves save on utility costs, stay safer and healthier, and reduce their personal impact on the climate.
- FACT:** Around the nation, from California to Massachusetts, state and local governments are requiring newly constructed homes and buildings to be all-electric.
- FACT:** Washington, DC just passed one of the strongest laws in the United States, requiring most new buildings to be not only all-electric but “net-zero energy,” meaning they generate their own electricity.

The Solution Is Clear:

**All-Electric Buildings are
Montgomery County's
Future!**



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This fall, the Montgomery County Council will consider a bill to require new buildings in the county to be all-electric, one of the key pillars of the county's 2021 Climate Action Plan.

This bill—**“Bill 13-22, Comprehensive Building Decarbonization”**—will require the County Executive to issue all-electric building standards by January 1, 2024 for new construction, major renovations, and additions.

County Executive Marc Elrich and Councilmembers Hans Riemer and Will Jawando support the bill. It needs 3 more votes to pass.

Bill 13-22 is a small but critical step to make Montgomery County safer, healthier, more affordable, and more climate-friendly — and to make it an example for the nation.

TAKE TWO ACTIONS NOW!

Tell your Councilmember that you support this vital step towards a better future for Montgomery County.

#1 Use the QR code at right to join hundreds of others in signing a citizen petition to the Montgomery County Council.



#2 Visit the County Council's website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/ and use the “Contact Us” link at the top to easily send an email to all 9 Councilmembers. Just write 1 or 2 lines in the box telling our Councilmembers that you support Bill 13-22, Comprehensive Building Decarbonization.

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