



COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

AGENDA

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

County Council Chambers

44 Calvert Street

Annapolis, Maryland

A. Call to Order

B. Auditor Presentation

C. Discussions on Pending Legislation

[BILL NO. 25-25](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Branches of County Government – Executive Branch – Public Safety – Department of Animal Services – Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Animal Welfare Council – Personnel – Exempt Service – Public Ethics – Financial Disclosure – Director of Animal Services – FOR the purpose of creating the Department of Animal Services in the Executive Branch; establishing the position, duties, qualifications, and method of appointment of the Director of the Department of Animal Services in the exempt service as the head of the Department of Animal Services; requiring the Director of Animal Services to file financial disclosure statements required under the Public Ethics Article; creating the Animal Welfare Council; establishing the purpose, composition, member terms, method for appointing the chair, frequency of meetings, quorum, and duties of the Animal Welfare Council; modifying the provisions of the Public Safety Article to abolish Animal Care and Control in the Police Department and to assign all of its duties to the newly created the Department of Animal Services; assigning duties to the Director of the Department of Animal Services; modifying certain definitions relating to the Department of Animal Services; providing for the modification of fees imposed by the Department of Animal Services; modifying the composition of the Animal Matters Commission; providing for a secretary and support for the Animal Matters Commission; establishing the burden of proof for citations heard by the Animal Matters Commission; removing a provision relating to the confidentiality of the records of the Department of Animal Services; requiring ferrets to be vaccinated for rabies as required by State law; modifying the requirements for a waiver of rabies vaccination for dogs, cats, and ferrets; modifying what animals and establishments must be licensed by the Department of Animal Services; removing provisions related to petting zoos; allowing public contact with animals through farm and other agricultural uses; increasing the time before which an individual must deliver a stray dog or cat to the Department of Animal Services; making general modifications to Title 4 of the Public Safety Article; and generally relating to branches of County government, boards, commissions, and similar bodies, personnel, public ethics, and public safety.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

[BILL NO. 26-25](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Public Charter Schools – FOR the purpose of adding an applicability exemption to the development plan process for public charter schools as defined in § 9-102 of the Education Article of the State Code; and generally relating to subdivision and development.

Introduced by Mr. Smith

[BILL NO. 27-25](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Indian Hills Special Community Benefit District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement – FOR the purpose of obligating the County to levy the special tax known as the special community benefit assessment on the Indian Hills Special Community Benefit District in an amount sufficient to repay a loan from First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company to the Indian Hills Community Association, Inc. in each of up to six (6) fiscal years during the term of the loan.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

[BILL NO. 28-25](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Board of Appeals – Amendments – FOR the purpose of amending the frequency of Board of Appeals meetings; requiring a quorum for all hearings; updating references to the Board's Counsel and record keeping; requiring fees for appeals; allowing certain communication to be sent by first class mail or electronic mail; establishing procedures and standards for on-site visits; correcting references to the Chair; and generally relating to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Board of Appeals.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair

[BILL NO. 29-25](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Construction Property and Maintenance Codes – Codes and Supplements – Zoning – Conditional Uses – Large Animal Veterinarian Clinic – FOR the purpose of exempting large animal veterinarian clinics from building permits if located in a pre-existing agricultural building; defining large animal veterinarian clinics; allowing large animal veterinarian clinics as a conditional use in a rural agricultural zoning district; and generally relating to construction property and maintenance codes and zoning.

Introduced by Ms. Leadbetter

[BILL NO. 30-25](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – BWI Mixed Use Overlay Area – FOR the purpose of amending the BWI Mixed Use Overlay Area Map and allowing additional uses within the BWI Mixed Use Overlay Area; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Mr. Smith

D. Other Items

E. Motion to go into Closed Session

F. (If passed) Adjourn to go into Closed Session – Legal Counsel

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