



COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

AGENDA

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Monday, July 21, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

County Council Chambers

44 Calvert Street

Annapolis, Maryland

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation (Hummer)
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Ethics Statement
- E. Invitation to Audience
- F. Announcement of Items Not Appearing on Agenda
- G. Preliminary Motion
- H. Approval of Minutes

July 7, 2025 – Legislative Day No. 14

- I. Introduction of Bills

BILL NO. 67-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Floodplain Management, Erosion and Sediment Control, and Stormwater Management – Clearing and Pruning – FOR the purpose of defining “pruning” and “woody vegetation”; modifying the definitions of “clearing” and “standard grading plan”; requiring certain approved permits or plans to clear or grade property on certain steep slopes in the critical area; adding a habitat enhancement plan to those plans required for approval to clear or grade in certain circumstances; requiring certain approved permits or plans to prune on property outside of the critical area, outside of a forest conservation easement, or not on steep slopes inside the critical area in certain circumstances; requiring certain approved permits or plans to prune on property inside the critical area buffer, inside a forest conservation easement, or on steep slopes in the critical area in certain circumstances; providing for the use of and establishing the requirements for a standard grading plan in lieu of a grading permit that proposes pruning or clearing under certain circumstances; adding certain fees; providing for the use, criteria, and requirements of a habitat enhancement plan and a vegetation management plan; making the effective date of this Ordinance contingent on the approval of the Maryland Critical Area Commission; and generally relating to floodplain management, erosion and sediment control, and stormwater management.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 68-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Animal Rescue – FOR the purpose of defining “animal rescue”; adding an animal rescue as a conditional use and providing for the conditions in certain districts; adding an animal rescue as a home occupation in certain circumstances; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 69-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Residential Districts – Conditional Use – Workforce Housing – FOR the purpose of allowing for workforce housing in R22 as a conditional use; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Ms. Pickard

BILL NO. 70-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Equity and Human Rights – Reasonable Accommodation – FOR the purpose of defining “reasonable accommodation”; requiring structural changes or modifications or the provision of special equipment to accommodate a person with a disability to be a reasonable accommodation; and generally relating to equity and human rights.

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

BILL NO. 71-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Campaign Financing – Disbursement of Public Contribution – Funding for Public Campaign Financing Fund – FOR the purpose of determining the deadline to file a notice of intent to participate in the public campaign financing fund; aligning the ratio of amount and number of contributions among County Executive and Council candidates; determining the threshold for the Controller to certify sufficient fund balance; providing for a second review of fund balance by the Controller during the election cycle; requiring the County Executive to appropriate sufficient funds pursuant to the Charter; providing for minimum appropriations beginning in Fiscal Year 2028; providing for staffing for the Commission; requiring the designation of a public liaison for the public campaign financing system; requiring an audit of the public campaign financing system after a general election; and generally relating to public campaign financing.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer

BILL NO. 72-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Workforce Housing – FOR the purpose of reducing the density of housing in R5 for workforce housing under certain circumstances; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Mr. Volke

BILL NO. 73-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Special Exception Use – Pile Driving and Marine Construction Operations – FOR the purpose of amending the permitted, conditional, and special exceptions uses in MA-2 to allow for marine construction as a special exception use; providing for requirements for special exception uses for pile driving and marine construction operations; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Mr. Volke

BILL NO. 74-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – BWI Mixed Use Overlay Area – Carwashes – FOR the purpose of allowing carwashes as a permitted use in the BWI Mixed Use Overlay Area; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Mr. Smith

BILL NO. 75-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Youth Nature Immersion Program – FOR the purpose of defining “Youth Nature Immersion Program”; adding youth nature immersion programs as a conditional use and providing for the conditions in certain districts; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Ms. Leadbetter

J. Introduction of Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 21-25 – RESOLUTION appointing members of the Salary Standard Commission

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair

K. Public Hearings and Call of Bills and Resolutions for Final Reading and/or Vote

BILL NO. 55-25 (As Amended) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: the issuance, sale and delivery of Anne Arundel County, Maryland general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes – FOR the purpose of authorizing the issuance by Anne Arundel County, Maryland (the “County”) of bond anticipation notes in an amount to be outstanding at any time not in excess of Eight Hundred Million Dollars (\$800,000,000) and bonds in an amount not exceeding ~~One Billion Six Hundred Eleven Million Two Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$1,611,208,326)~~ One Billion Six Hundred and Seven Million Four Hundred One Thousand Twenty-Two Dollars (\$1,607,401,122) in order to finance in whole or in part the construction of capital projects set forth in the capital budget of the County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or in such capital budgets for prior fiscal years, or usable portions thereof; authorizing the issuance by the County of refunding bonds to refund some or all of the outstanding bond issues of the County listed on Exhibit II attached hereto and incorporated herein in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 120% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding bonds to be refunded, subject to the requirement that debt service savings shall be achieved in connection with any such refunding; authorizing the County to borrow money and incur indebtedness otherwise authorized to be borrowed and incurred hereunder in the form of bonds or bond anticipation notes by obtaining a loan or loans from the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 9-1601 through 9-1622, inclusive, of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement) for the public purpose of financing a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping certain wastewater facilities and water supply systems; providing for the execution and delivery by the County of a loan agreement and bond to evidence any such loan; reaffirming and clarifying the guides and standards relating to the borrowing of money to finance such capital projects heretofore adopted; listing the capital projects to be financed in whole or in part from the proceeds of sale of the bonds hereby authorized, or usable portions thereof, estimated costs and probable useful lives thereof; showing compliance with the limitations on the power of the County to incur indebtedness; providing for essential flexibility in the financing of such capital projects and the issuance of such bonds by authorizing such bond anticipation notes to be repaid from the proceeds of the sale of such bonds; prescribing the procedure for the issuance and sale of such bond anticipation notes and bonds; empowering the County Executive of the County (the “County Executive”), or the Chief Administrative Officer of the County (the “Chief Administrative Officer”) if authorized by the County

Executive, subject to such guides and standards, to determine the time and method of sale of such bond anticipation notes and refunding bonds, which sale may be a private (negotiated) sale or a public sale, and the time, place, and procedure for the public sale of such bonds other than refunding bonds; empowering the County Executive, or the Chief Administrative Officer if authorized by the County Executive, subject to such guides and standards, to determine the forms of such bonds and to determine the forms of such bond anticipation notes; empowering the County Executive, or the Chief Administrative Officer if authorized by the County Executive, to provide for or determine the private (negotiated) sale of any loan agreement or bond to the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration, the form or forms thereof and other details with respect thereto and to the sales thereof; providing that such bond anticipation notes may be issued as notes in the nature of commercial paper and, in such event, authorizing the County Executive, or the Chief Administrative Officer if authorized by the County Executive, to determine various matters and to take various actions in connection with such issuance; providing that such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be issued as variable rate demand or similar obligations and, in such event, authorizing the County Executive, or the Chief Administrative Officer if authorized by the County Executive, to determine various matters and to take various actions in connection with such issuance; covenanting to issue, upon its full faith and credit, the bonds in anticipation of the sale of which any bond anticipation notes are issued when, and as soon as, the reason for deferring the issuance thereof no longer exists, to pay the principal of and interest on (to the extent such is not otherwise paid) such notes from the proceeds of such bonds and that, if the County shall be unable to issue and sell its bonds in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on any notes issued, then to appropriate sufficient revenues in each fiscal year following the issuance of such bond anticipation notes to pay the maturing principal thereof and the interest thereon to the extent not otherwise paid; covenanting to appropriate sufficient revenues in each fiscal year following the issuance of such bonds to pay the maturing principal thereof and the interest thereon and to meet such appropriation either by revenues derived from self-liquidating projects or from the proceeds of ad valorem taxes, or a combination of the foregoing; pledging the full faith and credit of the County, to the payment of the bonds and bond anticipation notes issued hereunder and the interest thereon, when due; providing that the pledge of the taxing power to secure such bonds and bond anticipation notes shall be subject to the limitation imposed by Section 710(d) of The Anne Arundel County Charter, except in the case where refunding bonds are issued to refund bonds secured by the pledge of the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the County; covenanting that the proceeds of such bonds and bond anticipation notes, or any money which may be deemed to be proceeds, will not be used in a manner to cause such bonds to be arbitrage bonds; canceling, rescinding, and repealing authority to issue certain bonds only to the extent such authority has not been previously exercised under Bill No. 58-24, as amended, and ratifying, confirming and validating the previous authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of bonds and bond anticipation notes pursuant to applicable authority; ratifying and authorizing the issuance of Shore Erosion Control Construction Loans pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 8-1001 to 8-1008, inclusive, of the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement); and generally providing for the consolidation and authorization of a borrowing program for the County, and matters generally related thereto.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

[RESOLUTION NO. 17-25](#) – RESOLUTION providing host jurisdiction approval of the issuance of private activity bonds for financing of The Village at Providence Point
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

[RESOLUTION NO. 18-25](#) – RESOLUTION approving estimates of the annual costs of providing health insurance benefits and the employer subsidies used to determine the rates for certain participants under the County Employee and Retiree Health Benefits Program
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

[BILL NO. 59-25](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Pensions – Credited Service – Deferred Retirement Option Program (“DROP”) – Number of Participants – Term of Participation Period – Interest on DROP Account – Employee Contributions to Pension Fund – FOR the purpose of clarifying credited service; modifying the number of certain participants eligible to enter the DROP for the Fire Service Retirement Plan; modifying the DROP participation period for certain participants in the Detention Officers’ and Deputy Sheriffs’ Retirement Plan; modifying the annual interest rate for DROP accounts for certain participants in the Police Service Retirement Plan and the Fire Service Retirement Plan; modifying the employee contributions for certain participants in the Fire Service Retirement Plan and in the Police Service Retirement Plan; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to pensions.
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

[BILL NO. 60-25](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Annapolis Roads 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 Annapolis Roads Special Community Benefit District in an amount sufficient to repay a loan from Shore United Bank to Annapolis Roads Property Owners Association, Inc. in each of 15 years during the term of the loan.
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

[BILL NO. 61-25](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Epping Forest 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 Epping Forest Special Community Benefit District in an amount sufficient to repay a loan from Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (known as “M & T Bank”) to Epping Forest, Inc. in each of ten fiscal years during the term of the loan.
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

[BILL NO. 62-25 \(Amendment Proposed\)](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program – FOR the purpose of modifying the definitions of “attached dwelling”, “condominium”, “detached single-family dwelling”, “dwelling unit”, “multifamily residential property”, and “residential property, tier three”; defining “common elements”; modifying how stormwater remediation fees are calculated

under certain circumstances; removing a deadline to file an administrative appeal in order to receive stormwater remediation fee correction for the current billing cycle; adding a deadline for a written decision by the Director; modifying certain qualifications for exemptions from the stormwater remediation fee due to substantial financial hardship; making certain stylistic changes; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to public works.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

[BILL NO. 63-25](#) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Special Exception Uses – Community Piers and Launching Ramps – FOR the purpose of removing requirements for accessibility; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

[RESOLUTION NO. 19-25](#) – RESOLUTION confirming appointments to the Board of Trustees for the Anne Arundel County Retiree Health Benefits Trust

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

- L. Motion to Hold Closed Session
- M. Other Business
- N. Adjournment
- O. **(If motion is adopted)** Closed Session by the County Council

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