



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

ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

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**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Office of the County Auditor
Date: July 18, 2025
Subject: County Auditor’s Review of Legislation for the July 21, 2025 Council Meeting

**Bill 55-25: The Issuance,
Sale and Delivery of
Anne Arundel County,
Maryland General
Obligation Bonds and
Bond Anticipation Notes**

Summary of Legislation

This bill authorizes the sale and issuance of General Obligation Bonds (GO Bonds), Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs), Maryland Water Quality Loans, and Shore Erosion Control Construction Loans consistent with the FY26 Capital Budget. The bill will allow the issuance of up to \$1.6 billion in GO Bonds and \$800 million in BANs. This financing will support the approved capital program for FY26-FY31.

Review of Fiscal Impact

Anne Arundel County will receive up to \$1.6 billion in bond proceeds. The FY26 Proposed Operating Budget anticipated the total General Fund debt service to be \$141.6 million and the total Enterprise Fund debt service to be \$104.2 million in the upcoming fiscal year. To the extent that debt issuance, interest rates, or terms of maturity deviate from base assumptions, debt service expenditures would adjust accordingly.

A review of this legislation was also included in the Auditor’s Review of Legislation for the July 7, 2025 Council Meeting.

**Bill 59-25: Pensions –
Credited Service –
Deferred Retirement
Option Program
 (“DRO”) – Number of
Participants – Term of
Participation Period –**

Summary of Legislation

This legislation will modify the interest rates and employee contributions for specific Deferred Retirement Option Program (DRO) participants; alter the participation period for certain employees in the Detention Officers’ and Deputy Sheriffs’ Retirement Plan; clarify credited service; and modify limits on

Interest on DROP Account – Employee Contributions to Pension Fund

new participants. These plan changes were negotiated with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Battalion Chiefs, Fraternal Order of Anne Arundel Detention Center Officers and Personnel (FODCOP), and Teamsters Union Local 355 representing Correctional Program Specialists.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We concur with the Administration’s fiscal note. The Administration estimates that the increased interest rates will raise expenditures from the pension fund by \$762,821, while the increased employee contributions will raise pension fund revenues by \$1.4 million.

Bill 60-25: Annapolis Roads Special Community Benefit District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement

Summary of Legislation

This bill approves the obligation of the County to impose the special community benefit assessment special tax on the Annapolis Roads Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) in the amount of \$640,000 to repay a loan from United Shore Bank to the Annapolis Roads Property Owners Association, Inc. (ARPOA) over the next 15 years. This amount will be used to purchase lots located at 2632, 2634, and 2638 Carrollton Road, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Review of Fiscal Impact

The proposed loan is not a general obligation of the County and the County does not pledge its full faith and credit toward the loan’s repayment.

The Office of Budget’s fiscal note states that the County will incur costs in administering the multi-year payment of the loan, which would be partially offset by the five percent administrative fee charged when the SCBD taxes are collected. However, no analysis or supporting document was provided detailing how much will be offset by the administrative fee when taxes are collected.

Bill 61-25: Epping Forest Special Community Benefit District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement

Summary of Legislation

This bill approves the obligation of the County to impose the special community benefit assessment special tax on the Epping Forest Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) in the amount of \$1.5 million to repay a loan from M&T Bank during the 10-year term of the loan. This amount will be used to renovate and replace the community's marina.

Review of Fiscal Impact

The proposed loan is not a general obligation of the County and the County does not pledge its full faith and credit toward the loan's repayment.

The Office of Budget's fiscal note states that the County will incur costs in administering the multi-year payment of the loan, which would be partially offset by the five percent administrative fee charged when the SCBD taxes are collected. However, no analysis or supporting document was provided detailing how much will be offset by the administrative fee when taxes are collected.

**Bill 62-25: Public Works
– Watershed Protection
and Restoration
Program**

Summary of Legislation

This bill updates the County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee (WPRF) Program to accommodate zoning code changes; establish consistency across fee assessments; eliminate the deadline to file an appeal; revise definitions; and increase the income threshold for a hardship exemption. This bill does not outwardly modify the rate of fee, but will increase revenue based on fee assessment calculation adjustments brought forth.

Review of Fiscal Impact

The Administration estimates that this legislation will result in increased revenues to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund by approximately \$250,000 annually, beginning in FY27.

This estimate is based on Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis conducted by the Bureau of Watershed Protection and Restoration within the Department of Public Works (DPW) and could not be independently validated by legislative staff.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 14
July 7, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:04 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Mr. Volke, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 50 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Pete Smith	First District
Allison Pickard	Second District
Nathan Volke	Third District
Julie K. Hummer	Fourth District
Amanda Fiedler	Fifth District
Lisa D.B. Rodvien	Sixth District
Shannon Leadbetter	Seventh District

Meredith Beach, Legislative Counsel, was present. The County Auditor's Office was represented by Diana Winter, Senior Legislative Analyst.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer, read aloud the Ethics Statement.

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Chair opened Invitation to Audience.

The Administrative Officer stated there were three submissions for Invitation to Audience of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke at Invitation to Audience:

Jigna Patel, Glen Burnie
Kyle Nembhard, Glen Burnie
Michael Potts, Deale
Elle Bassett, Edgewater
Phil Atetto, Annapolis
Robert Smith, Crofton
Matt Minahan, Edgewater
Bill Scerbo, Shady Side
Justin Muellen, Annapolis

Jared Krechievsky, Pasadena
David Goodwin, Annapolis

There was no one else present who wished to speak, and the Invitation to Audience was closed.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, the Council voted that the partial reading of any bill, resolution, minutes, or amendment constitutes the reading of the whole.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the minutes for June 16, 2025, Legislative Day No. 13 were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 65-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax – FOR the purpose of modifying the definition of “Total real property tax” with respect to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 66-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Eating Disorder Treatment Facility – FOR the purpose of amending the definitions of “Eating disorder treatment facility” and “Eating disorder treatment unit”; and generally relating to zoning.
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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
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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)

RESOLUTION NO. 20-25 – RESOLUTION continuing the service of Brenda Cachuela as Acting
County Auditor
Introduced by Ms. Hummer

The Chair stated that Resolution No. 20-25 will be voted on at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND/OR VOTE

BILL NO. 55-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 55-25, 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) 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Billie Penley, Controller, Finance Department, and David Gregory, McKennon, Shelton & Henn LLP.

Mr. Hunt explained the background and purpose of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 55-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 55-25.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 55-25, An Ordinance concerning: the issuance, sale and delivery of Anne Arundel County, Maryland general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment decreases the amount of bond authority; and corrects certain amounts in the bill to conform to the final capital budget.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 1 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter
Ms. Hummer
Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 55-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on July 21, 2025.

BILL NO. 48-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 48-25, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Tiny Home Community Development – For the purpose of establishing development requirements for tiny home communities; providing for the site, frontage and density requirement for tiny home communities; providing for the infrastructure and amenity requirements for tiny home communities; requiring certain reports on certain developments from the Office of Planning and Zoning; defining “tiny home development” and “tiny home dwelling unit”; providing for parking requirements for tiny home communities; permitting tiny home communities in certain residential zones; permitting tiny home communities in certain mixed-use zones; and generally relating to subdivision development and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Smith explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Smith asked clarifying questions.

Ms. Miller responded.

There was further discussion of the bill.

Mr. Smith withdrew the bill.

BILL NO. 50-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 50-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – BRAC Mixed Use Development – For the purpose of amending the conditional use requirements for BRAC mixed use development; adopting the “BRAC Mixed Use Development Area Expanded Boundary” map; allowing for an optional method of providing a mix of uses in the BRAC Mixed Use Development Area; and generally related to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Smith explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, Administration, Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

The Administration is comfortable with the bill.

Mr. Volke asked about mixed used area.

Mr. Smith answered.

Mr. Volke shared his concern of the bill.

There was further discussion of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 50-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 50-25, as amended.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 50-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – BRAC Mixed Use Development; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 50-25, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter
Nay – Ms. Hummer

BILL NO. 54-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 54-25, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Nonpublic Schools – For the purpose of adding an applicability exemption to the development plan process for nonpublic schools as designated by Maryland State Department of Education; making this Ordinance an emergency measure; and generally relating to subdivision and development; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, Administration, Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt expressed his concerns of the bill.

The Chair explained that there would not be a public hearing on this bill.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment limits the exemption to the subdivision and development requirements for nonpublic schools to the renovation or retrofitting for up to 50% of the square footage of an existing building or structure so long as the renovation or retrofit is not intended to increase student enrollment.

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

Mr. Evelyn spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler responded.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 1 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter
Ms. Hummer
Nay – None

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires nonpublic schools approved by the Maryland State Department of Education to comply with the community meetings provisions of Article 17.

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

Mr. Evelyn spoke on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 2 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter
Ms. Hummer
Nay – None

Ms. Rodvien asked for more information on the bill.

Ms. Fiedler responded.

Ms. Rodvien asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Volke answered.

There was further discussion of the bill.

Bill No. 54-25, as amended, was defeated by the following roll call:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter
Nay – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Hummer

BILL NO. 56-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 56-25, An Ordinance concerning: Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan FY 2026 - FY 2030 – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan FY 2026 - FY 2030”; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Erin Karpewicz, CEO, ACDS, Beth Brush, Planning Officer, ACDS, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ms. Karpewicz spoke on the bill.

Ms. Hummer asked about the funds to be released.

Ms. Karpewicz answered.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 56-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 56-25.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 56-25, An Ordinance concerning: Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan FY 2026 - FY 2030; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Pickard thanked those who worked on the bill.

Bill No. 56-25 was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter
Ms. Hummer

Nay – None

BILL NO. 57-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 57-25, An Ordinance concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. – For the purpose of approving exemptions from County real property taxes for a certain properties owned by Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. that provide low-income or affordable housing within the County; authorizing the County Executive to enter into a certain agreement for payment of a negotiated amount in lieu of County real property taxes for properties owned, operated, or leased to Arundel Community Development Services, Inc.; and providing for the time and terms under which the tax exemptions will take effect; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Brian Schenck, Manager of Financial Serv., Erin Karpewicz, CEO, ACDS, Honora Sutor, Affordable Housing Officer, ACDS, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ms. Karpewicz spoke on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 57-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 57-25.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 57-25, An Ordinance concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Arundel Community Development Services, Inc.; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This technical amendment corrects inaccurate County Code citations.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 1 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter
Ms. Hummer
Nay – None

Bill No. 57-25 was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Hummer
Nay – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter

BILL NO. 58-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 58-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Home Occupations – For the purpose of adding pet grooming services as a home occupation; providing for limitations on the number of animals on the premises for pet grooming as a home occupation; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 58-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill 58-25 of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 58-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Home Occupations; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Fiedler answered.

Bill No. 58-25 was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter
Ms. Hummer

Nay – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CALL OF RESOLUTION FOR FINAL READING AND/OR VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 16-25

The Chair called for Resolution No. 16-25, A Resolution approving the determination as surplus and the terms of a private disposition of certain County-owned property in Glen Burnie, Maryland, known as 7409 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, Administration, Amy Gowan, CEO/President, EDC, Patrick Hughes, Senior Planner, OPZ, Elliot Powell, Sawmill Partners, Chris Daniels, Central Services, and Greg Swain, County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the background and purpose of the resolution.

Mr. Evelyn gave a presentation on the County-owned property.

Ms. Leadbetter asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Gowan answered.

Ms. Fiedler asked if there would be a big change in the plan.

Mr. Swain responded.

There was further discussion of the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 16-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 16-25.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Resolution No. 16-25, A Resolution approving the determination as surplus and the terms of a private disposition of certain County-owned property in Glen Burnie, Maryland, known as 7409 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 16-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter
Ms. Hummer
Nay – None

RESOLUTION NO. 20-25

The Chair called for Resolution No. 20-25, A Resolution continuing the service of Brenda Cachuela as Acting County Auditor; and the Administrative Officer read the full resolution.

Resolution No. 20-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter
Ms. Hummer
Nay – None

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Pickard asked to be added as co-sponsor to Resolution No. 16-25.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

By Anna Macaulay

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 67-25

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

By the County Council, July 21, 2025

Introduced and first read on July 21, 2025
Public Hearing set for September 15, 2025
Bill Expires October 24, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Floodplain Management, Erosion and Sediment Control,
2 and Stormwater Management – Clearing and Pruning

3
4 FOR the purpose of defining “pruning” and “woody vegetation”; modifying the definitions
5 of “clearing” and “standard grading plan”; requiring certain approved permits or plans
6 to clear or grade property on certain steep slopes in the critical area; adding a habitat
7 enhancement plan to those plans required for approval to clear or grade in certain
8 circumstances; requiring certain approved permits or plans to prune on property outside
9 of the critical area, outside of a forest conservation easement, or not on steep slopes
10 inside the critical area in certain circumstances; requiring certain approved permits or
11 plans to prune on property inside the critical area buffer, inside a forest conservation
12 easement, or on steep slopes in the critical area in certain circumstances; providing for
13 the use of and establishing the requirements for a standard grading plan in lieu of a
14 grading permit that proposes pruning or clearing under certain circumstances; adding
15 certain fees; providing for the use, criteria, and requirements of a habitat enhancement
16 plan and a vegetation management plan; making the effective date of this Ordinance
17 contingent on the approval of the Maryland Critical Area Commission; and generally
18 relating to floodplain management, erosion and sediment control, and stormwater
19 management.

20
21 BY renumbering: § 16-1-101(74) through (84) and (86) through (98), respectively, to be
22 § 16-1-101(75) through (85) and (87) through (99), respectively
23 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.
Asterisks *** indicate existing Code provisions in a list or chart that remain unchanged.

1 BY repealing, reenacting, and renumbering, with amendments: § 16-1-101(85) to be
2 § 16-1-101(86), respectively
3 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

4
5 BY adding: §§ 16-1-101(74) and (100); and 16-3-214
6 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

7
8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 16-1-101(13); 16-3-201; 16-3-202; and
9 16-3-207
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

11
12 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
13 *That 16-1-101(74) through (84) and (86) through (98), respectively, of the Anne Arundel*
14 *County Code (2005, as amended) is hereby renumbered to be § 16-1-101(75) through (85)*
15 *and (87) through (99), respectively.*

16
17 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County
18 Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

19
20 **ARTICLE 16. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT, EROSION AND SEDIMENT**
21 **CONTROL, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

22
23 **TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

24
25 **16-1-101. Definitions.**

26
27 In this article, the following words have the meanings indicated.

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29 ***

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31 (13) “Clearing” *[[has the meaning stated in Article 17 of this Code]]* MEANS THE
32 PROCESS OF REMOVING TREES, SHRUBS, WOODY VEGETATION, GROUND COVER, STUMPS,
33 OR ROOTS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE GARDENING, MAINTENANCE OF AN EXISTING GRASS
34 LAWN, OR REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES.

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36 ***

37
38 (74) “PRUNING” HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE
39 AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI) A300.

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42
43 *[[(85)]]* (86) “Standard grading plan” means a plan that may be used in lieu of a grading
44 permit only for certain PRUNING OR minor grading and earth disturbance associated with
45 minor commercial and residential construction, and, if necessary, may include a standard
46 soil and erosion control plan.

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48 ***

1 (100) "WOODY VEGETATION" MEANS A VINE OR WOODY PERENNIAL PLANT OTHER
2 THAN A SHRUB OR TREE THAT TYPICALLY LIES ALONG THE GROUND, OR THAT RISES
3 ABOVE THE GROUND BY ATTACHING TO OTHER PLANTS OR OBJECTS WITH TENDRILS OR
4 BY TWINING.

5 6 TITLE 3. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

7 8 **16-3-201. Approval required; exceptions.**

9
10 (a) **Approval required.** Except as provided in subsection (b), a person may not:

11
12 (1) grade without a grading permit issued by the Department;

13
14 (2) clear or grade in the critical area buffer, expanded buffer, or buffer modification
15 area described in § 18-13-104 of this Code, OR ON STEEP SLOPES OF 15% OR GREATER IN
16 THE CRITICAL AREA, without a standard grading plan, a grading permit, [[or]] an approved
17 vegetation management plan, A buffer management plan, [[or]] A forest management plan,
18 OR A HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN; or

19
20 (3) do logging without a grading permit issued by the Department.

21
22 (b) **Exceptions.** Approval is not required for clearing or grading associated with:

23
24 (1) agricultural land management practices or agricultural buildings, as defined
25 in Article 15, except that an approved standard grading plan that is also approved by the
26 Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District is required for agricultural buildings that involve
27 disturbing between 5,000 square feet and one acre of land. In addition, an erosion and
28 sediment control plan approved by the Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District is required
29 in lieu of a standard grading plan or grading permit for agricultural buildings that involve
30 disturbing more than one acre of land;

31
32 (2) the laying of water, sewer, gas, electrical, telephone, or cable television lines
33 that disturbs less than 100 linear feet, or 500 linear feet for individual single family
34 residential lots provided the overall disturbance is less than 5,000 square feet;

35
36 (3) activities that are subject exclusively to State approval and enforcement under
37 State law;

38
39 (4) activities under a standard grading plan approved by the Department under
40 § 16-3-202; or

41
42 (5) disturbing less than 5,000 square feet of land or unless prohibited by subsection
43 (a)(2) of this section or other applicable State or federal law.

44
45 (c) **Pruning - Property outside of the critical area buffer or a forest conservation**
46 **easement, or not on steep slopes inside the critical area.**

47
48 (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO PROPERTY: (I) OUTSIDE OF THE CRITICAL
49 AREA BUFFER, BUFFER MODIFICATION AREA, OR EXPANDED BUFFER DESCRIBED IN

1 § 18-13-104 OF THIS CODE; (II) OUTSIDE OF A FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT; OR (III)
2 NOT ON STEEP SLOPES OF 15% OR GREATER INSIDE OF THE CRITICAL AREA.

3
4 (2) A PERSON MAY NOT PRUNE SHRUBS, WOODY VEGETATION, OR TREES OVER AN
5 AREA OF MORE THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND WITHOUT AN APPROVED GRADING
6 PERMIT, STANDARD GRADING PLAN, VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN, OR HABITAT
7 ENHANCEMENT PLAN.

8
9 (D) **Pruning - Property inside the critical area buffer or a forest conservation**
10 **easement.** A PERSON MAY NOT PRUNE SHRUBS, WOODY VEGETATION, OR TREES ON
11 PROPERTY INSIDE THE CRITICAL AREA BUFFER, BUFFER MODIFICATION AREA, OR
12 EXPANDED BUFFER AS DESCRIBED IN § 18-13-104 OF THIS CODE OR INSIDE A FOREST
13 CONSERVATION EASEMENT WITHOUT AN APPROVED GRADING PERMIT, STANDARD
14 GRADING PLAN, VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN, OR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN.

15
16 (E) **Pruning - Property on steep slopes inside the critical area.** A PERSON MAY NOT
17 PRUNE SHRUBS, WOODY VEGETATION, OR TREES ON PROPERTY INSIDE THE CRITICAL
18 AREA ON STEEP SLOPES OF 15% OR GREATER OVER AN AREA OF MORE THAN 2,500 SQUARE
19 FEET OF LAND WITHOUT AN APPROVED GRADING PERMIT, STANDARD GRADING PLAN,
20 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN, OR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN; EXCEPT THAT, IF
21 THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT PRUNING OVER AN AREA OF LESS THAN 2,500
22 SQUARE FEET WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE SAFETY OF A STEEP SLOPE, AN
23 APPROVED GRADING PERMIT, STANDARD GRADING PLAN, VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
24 PLAN, OR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN MAY BE REQUIRED.

25
26 (F) **Limitations.** THE 2,500 OR 5,000 SQUARE FOOT AREA AUTHORIZED FOR CLEARING,
27 GRADING, OR PRUNING WITHOUT APPROVAL UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B)(5), (C), AND (E)
28 APPLIES TO ONE OR MORE AREAS ON A PROPERTY OR CONTIGUOUS PROPERTIES UNDER
29 COMMON OWNERSHIP UP TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT INDICATED.

30
31 **16-3-202. Standard grading plan.**

32
33 (a) **Generally.** A standard grading plan may be used in lieu of a grading permit if[]:

34
35 (1)]] the applicant files a standard grading plan application that is approved by the
36 Department[[]] AND

37
38 [[(2)]] (1) the applicant certifies that construction will meet the conditions and
39 limitations established on the standard grading plan and will be carried out in compliance
40 with this title[[]] and

41
42 [[(3)]] the total area disturbed is less than 5,000 square feet of land; OR

43
44 (2) THE STANDARD GRADING PLAN PROPOSES PRUNING OR CLEARING OF SHRUBS,
45 WOODY VEGETATION, OR TREES OVER AN AREA OF LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET OF
46 LAND.

47
48 (b) **When required.** A standard grading plan is required for agricultural buildings that
49 involve disturbing between 5,000 square feet and one acre of land.

50
51 (c) **Review; County report.** As promptly as possible after the filing of a standard
52 grading plan, but no later than 30 days after the filing of the plan, the Department shall
53 provide the applicant with a written report of the findings, comments, and

1 recommendations of County agencies unless the plan is approved within the 30 day time
 2 period.

3
 4 (D) **Requirements.** A STANDARD GRADING PLAN ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2)
 5 SHALL MEET THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS A VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN OR
 6 HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN AS SET FORTH IN § 16-3-214(C).

7
 8 **16-3-207. Fees; refunds.**

9
 10 (a) **Fees.** The fees set forth in the chart in this subsection apply to all grading permits
 11 OR PLANS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE other than those issued for work on property owned or
 12 leased and developed by the County or the Board of Education. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
 13 CHARGE ONE APPLICATION FEE FOR MULTIPLE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLANS OR
 14 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLANS SUBMITTED BY THE SAME OWNER OF MULTIPLE
 15 PROPERTIES WITHIN THE SAME SUBDIVISION.
 16

Grading Permit Category	Fee
Application	\$43
Single family dwelling on lot of 20,000 square feet or less	\$692
Single family dwelling on lot over 20,000 square feet	\$1,124
Churches, parsonages, incorporated nonprofit eleemosynary and community associations, and fire stations on properties owned by a volunteer fire company formed pursuant to §12-1-201 of this Code	\$112
Forest harvest operation	\$173
Grading permit, other than for a single family dwelling, a church or nonprofit agency, or standard logging plan, is based on an approved cost estimate, as follows: \$0 to \$500 \$500.01 to \$1,250 over \$1,250	\$69 \$138 \$138 plus 7% of costs over \$1,250
GRADING PLAN, STANDARD	\$75
HABITANT ENHANCEMENT PLAN	\$250
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN	\$75
Additional work	Difference between the fee for the original permit and the fee required for the entire grading and sediment control project
Renewal of expired permit	\$50

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 18 **16-3-214. Vegetation management plans and habitat enhancement plans.**

19
 20 (A) **Generally.** A VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN OR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT
 21 PLAN MAY BE USED IN LIEU OF A GRADING PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
 22 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH VEGETATION
 23 MANAGEMENT PLAN AND HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN STANDARDS.
 24

25 (B) **Criteria.**

1 (1) A VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN MAY BE APPROVED FOR PRUNING OR
2 CLEARING OF SHRUBS, WOODY VEGETATION, OR TREES OVER AN AREA OF LESS THAN
3 5,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND.

4
5 (2) A HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN MAY BE APPROVED TO MANAGE EXISTING
6 FOREST OR NATURAL AREAS TO ENHANCE THE HABITAT AND ECOLOGICAL BALANCE AND
7 MAY AUTHORIZE THE PRUNING OR CLEARING OF SHRUBS, WOODY VEGETATION, OR
8 TREES OVER AN AREA UP TO ONE ACRE OF LAND.

9
10 (C) **Requirements.** THE APPLICANT SHALL FILE AN APPLICATION ON A FORM
11 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE CONDITIONS FOR A VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
12 PLAN OR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE:

13
14 (1) PRUNING SHALL BE IN A MANNER SET FORTH AS AN ACCEPTABLE PRUNING
15 PRACTICE IN THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS
16 INSTITUTE (ANSI) A300, EXCEPT THAT NO MORE THAN 25% OF LIVING CANOPY OF A TREE
17 OR SHRUB MAY BE REMOVED;

18
19 (2) NO DISTURBANCE OF THE EARTH MAY OCCUR UNLESS APPROVED IN A
20 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN OR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN;

21
22 (3) NO EXTRACTION OF ROOT SYSTEMS MAY OCCUR UNLESS APPROVED IN A
23 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN OR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN;

24
25 (4) NO MITIGATION IS REQUIRED FOR PRUNING APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
26 THIS SECTION;

27
28 (5) MITIGATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE CLEARING OF SHRUBS OR TREES AT A RATIO
29 OF ONE-TO-ONE.

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31 (6) MITIGATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE CLEARING OF WOODY VEGETATION BY THE
32 PLANTING OF SHRUBS OR TREES IN THE CLEARED AREA AS APPROVED IN A VEGETATION
33 MANAGEMENT PLAN OR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PLAN; AND

34
35 (7) A STANDARD SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN APPROVED BY THE
36 ANNE ARUNDEL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS REQUIRED FOR A HABITAT
37 ENHANCEMENT PLAN AUTHORIZING THE CLEARING OF SHRUBS, WOODY VEGETATION, OR
38 TREES OVER AN AREA OF MORE THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND.

39
40 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
41 from the date it becomes law, or upon approval of the Maryland Critical Area Commission
42 under the authority granted by §§ 8-1801, et. seq., of the Natural Resources Article of the
43 State Code, whichever is later. If approved after the 45 days, the Ordinance shall take effect
44 on the date of the notice of approval is received by the Office of Planning and Zoning. If
45 disapproved, the Ordinance shall be null and void without the necessity of further action
46 by the County Council. The Office of Planning and Zoning, within five days after receiving
47 a notice from the Maryland Critical Area Commission, shall forward a copy to the
48 Administrative Officer to the County Council.

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

BILL NUMBER: 67-25

INTRO. DATE: July 21, 2025

FISCAL NOTE

BILL: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING: FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT — CLEARING AND PRUNING

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this legislation is to define “pruning” and “woody vegetation” and modify the definitions of several other terms; alter the requirements for certain critical area plans and permits; and institute new application fees for grading plans, habitat enhancement plans and vegetative management plans.

FISCAL IMPACT

The legislation establishes new application fees for grading plans, habitat enhancement plans and vegetation management plans. The Department of Inspections and Permits estimates the number of applications as shown below, which is based on the number of applications and submittals received over the past three years.

<u>Application</u>	<u>Est. #</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grading Plan, Standard	200	\$75	\$15,000
Vegetative Management Plan	1,000	\$75	\$75,000
Habitat Enhancement Plan	30	\$250	\$7,500

This could generate total County revenue of up to \$97,500.

The Department does not anticipate needing additional resources to administer the new provisions in the legislation.



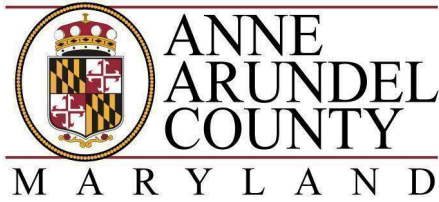
Chris Trumbauer
Budget Officer

7/15/2025

Date

Prepared by: Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer

cc: Billie Penley, Controller



**Office of the County Executive
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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

Date: July 21, 2025

Subject: Bill No. 67 -25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Floodplain Management, Erosion and Sediment Control, and Stormwater Management – Clearing and Pruning

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 67-25.

Summary

This legislation, introduced at the request of the Administration on behalf of the Department of Inspections and Permits, aims to clarify existing County practices regarding tree trimming or pruning, particularly in the Critical Area (“CA”) buffer and steep slopes, by separating and defining different categories of vegetative management methods, creating new grading permit categories, and streamlining the approval process.

This legislation is the product of a stakeholder work group convened to find a sensible path forward that both protects the environment and is responsive to community-scale concerns around the management of critical area vegetation. In addition to County staff, the work group included multiple representatives from the environmental community (Severn River Association, Arundel Rivers Federation) and the waterfront homeowner community (Sherwood Forest, Gibson Island). It has also received review and comment from tree management professionals, the Maryland Critical Area Commission, and the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE”). The proposed legislation is a product that reflects the consensus of those groups.

Currently there are perceivable ambiguities in the Anne Arundel County Code, making certain permit applications complicated and enforcement difficult. This legislation will create a new category separating the activity of “pruning” from “clearing” or “grading”. It also defines “clearing” for purposes of Article 16 in a way that is untied from “clearing” as it relates to development in Article 17. The bill explicitly states that approval is needed for clearing or grading in the steep slopes in the critical area outside the buffer and for pruning in the buffer, in

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the critical area within steep slopes, or in a forest conservation easement. For all other areas outside of the critical area buffer, outside of a forest conservation easement, or on steep slopes, this bill clarifies that approval is needed for pruning over a 5,000 SF area.

The bill also simplifies the approval process by allowing an applicant to either use newly added “vegetation management plans” (“VMP”), which allows for pruning or clearing of shrubs, woody vegetation, or trees over an area of less than 5,000 square feet (“SF”) of land with a permit application fee of \$75.00, and creates a “habitat enhancement plan” (“HEP”), which allows for the approval of pruning trees and vegetative management for up to 1 acre of land, with a permit application fee of \$250.00. It sets forth criteria for the VMP or HEP, which can be used in lieu of a grading permit. The bill allows for approval of pruning and vegetative management in larger areas than currently allowed (over 5,000 SF) via a much simpler process than the current grading permit requirement.

This legislation does the following:

1. Creates a separate category for pruning to separate the activity of pruning from clearing or grading, including a definition tied to the American National Standards Institute (“ANSI”) A300 Standard, which defines pruning as “the selective removal of plant parts to meet specific goals and objectives”;
2. Creates a definition of “clearing” separate from Art. 17 for purposes of Article 16¹, to untie it from “development”, which causes confusion in enforcement cases;
3. Defines “woody vegetation” as a vine or woody perennial plant other than a shrub or tree that typically lies along the ground, or that rises above the ground by attaching to other plants or objects with tendrils or by twining;
4. Specifically states that approval is needed for clearing or grading in the steep slopes in the critical area outside the buffer (the law has always been enforced this way per Article 17, however this clears up any ambiguity and codifies current practice);
5. Provides that a person may not prune trees in the buffer, in the CA within steep slopes, or in a forest conservation easement (“FCE”), without approval (in any size area), which has always been the case, however confusion has arisen in enforcement cases, as this activity is currently labeled as “clearing”;
6. For all other areas (outside the CA buffer, outside a forest conservation easement or not on steep slopes), approval is needed for pruning over a 5,000 SF area (this is a clarification of existing law/practices);
7. Allows for the pruning or removal of trees, shrubs or woody vegetation, or removal of woody vegetation in an area of more than 5,000 SF without a grading permit (which will lessen the burden on applicants and allow for a more streamlined approval process) as follows:
 - a. Outside the critical area buffer, approval is needed for more than 5,000 SF by either grading permit, standard grading plan (“SGP”) which has a permit application fee of \$75, VMP, or the new HEP
 - b. Inside the critical area buffer, steep slopes, or FCE: approval needed for any size area by either grading permit, SGP, VMP or the new HEP

¹ In the legislation, “clearing” in Article 17 means “the process of removing trees, shrubs, woody vegetation, ground cover, stumps, or roots and does not include gardening, maintenance of an existing grass lawn, or removal of hazardous trees.”

8. Sets forth that a VMP or HEP can be used in lieu of a grading permit and sets forth criteria:
 - a. Codifies that a VMP only applies for less than 5,000 SF (this is the current practice, but the criteria are not currently codified)
 - b. Creates the HEP and establishes that it can be used for up to one acre
 - c. Sets forth criteria for approval:
 - i. Pruning as set forth in the ANSI
 - ii. Earth disturbance or root extraction only with approval
 - iii. No mitigation for pruning; mitigation at 1:1 required for clearing of trees and shrubs. Mitigation required for clearing of vegetation by planting of trees and shrubs as approved in plan
 - iv. Sediment and erosion control plan approved by Soil Conservation District required for more than 5000 SF and up to 1 acre

Purpose

The purpose of this legislation is to clarify existing County practices with regard to tree trimming or pruning, particularly in the critical area buffer and steep slopes, streamline the approval process for vegetative management, and create new categories and definitions to improve enforcement and understanding of related activities.

Fiscal Impact

Please see the Fiscal Note the Budget Office has prepared for an explanation of the fiscal impact of this Resolution.

Additional Information

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Specific questions should be directed to Kelly Kenney, Office of Law, Raghavenderrao Badami, Assistant Director, Inspection and Permits, or Nathan Markline, Forestry Program Manager. Thank you.

cc: The Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
Christine Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenny Proebstle, Chief of Staff
Gregory Swain, County Attorney
Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer
Mark Wedemeyer, Director, Inspections & Permits
Karen Henry, Director, Public Works

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 68-25

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

By the County Council, July 21, 2025

Introduced and first read on July 21, 2025
Public Hearing set for September 15, 2025
Bill Expires October 24, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Animal Rescue

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3 FOR the purpose of defining “animal rescue”; adding an animal rescue as a conditional use
4 and providing for the conditions in certain districts; adding an animal rescue as a home
5 occupation in certain circumstances; and generally relating to zoning.

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7 BY renumbering: § 18-1-101(12) through (175) to be § 18-1-101(13) through (176),
8 respectively; and §§ 18-10-106 through 18-10-140 and 18-10-142 through 18-10-176
9 to be §§ 18-10-107 through 18-10-141 and 18-10-143 through 18-10-177, respectively
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill Nos. 72-24,
11 13-25, and 29-25)

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13 BY adding: §§ 18-1-101(12) and 18-10-106
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill Nos. 72-24 and
15 13-25)

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17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 18-4-106, 18-5-102; and 18-6-103
18 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill Nos. 72-24, 2-25,
19 and 13-25)

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21 BY repealing, reenacting and renumbering, with amendments: § 18-10-141 to be
22 § 18-10-142, respectively
23 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill Nos. 72-24, 2-25,
24 13-25, and 58-25)

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That §§ 18-1-101(12) through (175); and 18-10-106 through 18-10-140 and 18-10-142 through 176, respectively, of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill Nos. 72-24, 13-25, and 29-25), are hereby renumbered to be §§ 18-1-101(13) through (176); and 18-10-107 through 18-10-141 and 18-10-143 through 18-10-177, respectively.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) that read as follows:

ARTICLE 18. ZONING

TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS

18-1-101. Definitions.

Unless defined in this article, the Natural Resources Article of the State Code, or COMAR, words defined elsewhere in this Code apply in this article. The following words have the meanings indicated:

(12) “ANIMAL RESCUE” MEANS A FACILITY WHERE ANIMALS ARE KEPT AND GIVEN CARE SHORT-TERM, AND THAT PROVIDES ADOPTION SERVICES, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS KENNELING, BREEDING, SALE, TRAINING, OR GROOMING OF ANIMALS.

TITLE 4. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

18-4-106. Permitted, conditional, and special exception uses.

The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the residential districts are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special exception use. A blank means that the use is not allowed in the district. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures customarily accessory to the listed uses also are allowed, except that guest houses as accessory structures are prohibited and outside storage as an accessory use is limited to the lesser of 10% of the allowed lot coverage or 500 square feet.

Permitted, Conditional, and Special Exception Uses	RA	RLD	R1	R2	R5	R10	R15	R22

Animal hospitals and veterinary clinics	SE	SE	SE					
ANIMAL RESCUE	C	C	C					

TITLE 5. COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

18-5-102. Permitted, conditional, special exception, and business complex auxiliary uses.

The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the commercial districts, and uses auxiliary to a business complex, are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special exception use; and A = auxiliary to a business complex use. A blank means that the use is not allowed in the district. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures customarily accessory to permitted, conditional, and special exception uses also are allowed.

Permitted, Conditional, Special Exception, and Business Complex Auxiliary Uses	C1	C2	C3	C4

Animal hospitals with non-medical overnight stays and veterinary clinics with non-medical overnight stays		C	C	C
ANIMAL RESCUE				C

TITLE 6. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

18-6-103. Permitted, conditional, special exception uses.

The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the industrial districts are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special exception use; and A= auxiliary use to a business complex use. A blank means that the use is not allowed in the district. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures customarily accessory to permitted, conditional, and special exception uses also are allowed, except that outside storage as an accessory use in W1 is limited to 15% of the allowed lot coverage.

Permitted, Conditional, and Special Exception Uses	W1	W2	W3

Animal hospitals with non-medical overnight stays and veterinary clinics with non-medical overnight stays	P	C	
ANIMAL RESCUE	C	C	

TITLE 10. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES

18-10-106. Animal Rescue.

AN ANIMAL RESCUE FACILITY SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.

(1) BUILDINGS AND ENCLOSURES FOR THE HOUSING OR SHELTER OF ANIMALS SHALL BE AT LEAST 100 FEET FROM ANY RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY AND ANIMALS MAY NOT BE HOUSED WITHIN THE 100 FOOT SETBACK.

1 (2) ANIMALS SHALL BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BEFORE OR UPON ARRIVAL TO THE
2 FACILITY. THE ANIMAL RESCUE OWNER SHALL KEEP A REGISTER TO SHOW THAT ALL
3 ANIMALS AT THE FACILITY HAVE COMPLIED WITH THIS REQUIREMENT.

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5 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING § 18-4-104(1), THERE MAY BE UP TO 30 CATS AT THE
6 FACILITY ANY ONE TIME. CATS MAY NOT BE KEPT OUTDOORS.

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8 (4) FOR AN ANIMAL RESCUE IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, THE FACILITY SHALL
9 ALSO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

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11 (I) EXCEPT FOR A FACILITY SOLELY FOR CATS, THE FACILITY SHALL BE
12 LOCATED ON A LOT OF AT LEAST THREE ACRES.

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14 (II) ANY DWELLING ON THE PROPERTY SHALL BE OCCUPIED BY AT LEAST ONE
15 PERSON INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF THE ANIMAL RESCUE.

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17 (III) DOGS, LIVESTOCK OR FOWL KEPT ON THE PROPERTY MAY NOT EXCEED
18 THE LIMITS SET FORTH IN § 18-4-104.

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20 (IV) THE USE MAY NOT BE NOXIOUS, OFFENSIVE, OR OTHERWISE
21 OBJECTIONABLE TO SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL USES.

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23 (5) FOR AN ANIMAL RESCUE IN A COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, THE
24 FACILITY SHALL ALSO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

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26 (I) AN ANIMAL RESCUE LOCATED IN A STRUCTURE THAT CONTAINS USES
27 OTHER THAN AN ANIMAL RESCUE SHALL INCORPORATE SOUND ATTENUATION
28 CONSTRUCTION OR MEASURES DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF NOISE FROM THE
29 ANIMAL RESCUE ON THE OTHER USES OR OCCUPANTS IN THE STRUCTURES.

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31 (II) AN ANIMAL RESCUE MAY NOT UNREASONABLY INTERFERE WITH OTHER
32 USES OR OCCUPANTS WITHIN THE SAME STRUCTURE AS THE ANIMAL RESCUE AND THE
33 USE MAY NOT BE NOXIOUS, OFFENSIVE, OR OTHERWISE OBJECTIONABLE TO
34 SURROUNDING USES OR OCCUPANTS.

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36 **[[18-10-141.]] 18-10-142. Home Occupations.**

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38 A home occupation shall comply with all the following requirements.

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42 (3) Home occupations are limited to the following:

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46 (XIX) ANIMAL RESCUE, PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOGS, CATS,
47 LIVESTOCK OR FOWL ON THE PROPERTY AT ANY TIME DOES NOT EXCEED THE NUMBER
48 PERMITTED TO BE KEPT ON THE PROPERTY UNDER § 18-4-104; THE HOMEOWNER DOES NOT
49 BOARD ANIMALS IN OUTSIDE KENNELS; ANIMALS ARE KEPT IN A FENCED AREA WITH A
50 SECURE LOCKING GATE WHEN OUTDOORS; AND THE USE IS NOT NOXIOUS OR OFFENSIVE
51 TO SURROUNDING USES.

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55 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
56 from the date it becomes law.

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

BILL NUMBER: 68-25

INTRO. DATE: July 21, 2025

FISCAL NOTE

BILL: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING: ZONING – ANIMAL RESCUE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this legislation is to define “animal rescue”; add an animal rescue as a conditional use and provide for the conditions in certain districts; and add an animal rescue as a home occupation in certain circumstances.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact anticipated.



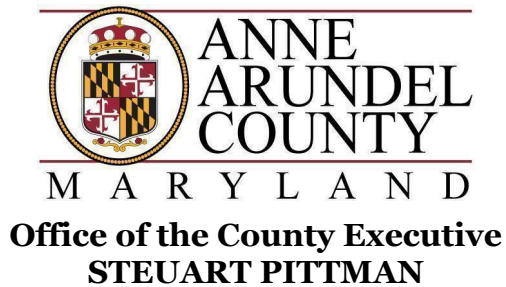
Chris Trumbauer
Budget Officer

7/14/2025

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Prepared by: Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer

cc: Billie Penley, Controller



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/
Date: July 21, 2025
Subject: Bill No. 68 -25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Animal Rescue

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 68-25.

Summary

This legislation, introduced at the request of the Administration on behalf of the Office of Planning and Zoning, amends Article 18 to add a new use of “animal rescue” operations in the zoning code and allow it as a conditional use in select zoning districts, with conditions. The Department of Animal Services was also consulted and feels that there is a need for animal rescue services in the County.

The Bill defines an "animal rescue" as a facility for short-term animal care and adoption services, explicitly excluding commercial activities like kenneling, breeding, sale, training, or grooming. It allows animal rescues as a conditional use in the RA, RLD, R1, C4, W1, and W2 zoning districts. The Bill imposes the following conditions for animal rescues:

1. Buildings for animals must be at least 100 feet from residentially zoned property, and animals cannot be housed within this setback.
2. Animals must be spayed or neutered upon or before arrival, with a register maintained by the owner.
3. A maximum of 30 cats are allowed at a facility at one time, and cats cannot be kept outdoors.
4. For animal rescues in residential districts:
 - a. Facilities (except for cat-only rescues) must be on lots of at least three acres.
 - b. At least one person involved in the rescue operation must occupy any dwelling on the property.
 - c. Limits on dogs, livestock, or fowl must comply with existing code.

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- d. The use must not be noxious or offensive to surrounding residential uses.
5. For animal rescues in commercial or industrial districts:
 - a. Facilities within structures containing other uses must incorporate sound attenuation.
 - b. The rescue must not unreasonably interfere with other uses or occupants in the same structure and must not be noxious or offensive.

The bill also allows "Animal Rescue" as a home occupation, provided that the total number of animals (dogs, cats, livestock, or fowl) does not exceed permitted limits, animals are not boarded in outside kennels, outdoor animals are kept in a fenced area with a secure locking gate, and the use is not noxious or offensive to surrounding uses.

Purpose

The purpose of this legislation is to define "animal rescue" as a use in the Zoning Code, allow it as a conditional use in RA, RLD, R1, C4, W1, and W2 zoning districts, and articulate the conditions under which the use is allowed.

Fiscal Impact

Please see the Fiscal Note the Budget Office has prepared for an explanation of the fiscal impact of this Resolution.

Additional Information

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Specific questions should be directed to Kelly Kenney, Office of Law, or Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning. Thank you.

cc: The Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
Christine Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenny Proebstle, Chief of Staff
Gregory Swain, County Attorney
Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer
Janssen Evelyn, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jenny Dempsey, Planning and Zoning Officer

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 69-25

Introduced by Ms. Pickard

By the County Council, July 21, 2025

Introduced and first read on July 21, 2025
Public Hearing set for September 2, 2025
Bill Expires on October 24, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Residential Districts – Conditional Use –
2 Workforce Housing

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4 FOR the purpose of allowing for workforce housing in R22 as a conditional use; and
5 generally relating to zoning.

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7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-4-106
8 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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10 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
11 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

12 13 ARTICLE 18. ZONING

14 15 TITLE 4. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

16 17 **18-4-106. Permitted, conditional, and special exception uses.**

18
19 The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the residential
20 districts are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use;
21 C = conditional use; SE = special exception use. A blank means that the use is not allowed
22 in the district. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures customarily
23 accessory to the listed uses also are allowed, except that guest houses as accessory

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1 structures are prohibited and outside storage as an accessory use is limited to the lesser of
2 10% of the allowed lot coverage or 500 square feet.

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Permitted, Conditional, and Special Exception Uses	RA	RLD	R1	R2	R5	R10	R15	R22

Workforce housing					C	C	C	C

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5 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
6 from the date it becomes law.

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 70-25

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, July 21, 2025

Introduced and first read on July 21, 2025
Public Hearing set for September 15, 2025
Bill Expires on October 24, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Equity and Human Rights – Reasonable Accommodation

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3 FOR the purpose of defining “reasonable accommodation”; requiring structural changes or
4 modifications or the provision of special equipment to accommodate a person with a
5 disability to be a reasonable accommodation; and generally relating to equity and
6 human rights.

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8 BY renumbering: § 1-9-101(7) through (8), respectively, to be § 1-9-101(8) through (9),
9 respectively
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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12 BY adding: § 1-9-101(7)
13 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 1-9-301
16 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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18 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
19 *That § 1-9-101(7) through (8) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) is*
20 *hereby renumbered to be § 1-9-101(8) through (9), respectively.*

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22 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County
23 Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

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ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

TITLE 9. EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1-9-101. Definitions.

(7) "REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §20-305 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE STATE CODE.

1-9-301. Discrimination in public accommodations.

(A) An owner or operator of a place of public accommodation, or their agent or employee, may not discriminate in the provision of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges of a place of public accommodation.

(B) IF A STRUCTURAL CHANGE OR MODIFICATION OR THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY, THE ACCOMMODATION SHALL BE A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH §20-305 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE STATE CODE.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 71-25

Introduced by Ms. Hummer

By the County Council, July 21, 2025

Introduced and first read on July 21, 2025
Public Hearing set for September 15, 2025
Bill Expires on October 24, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Campaign Financing – Disbursement of Public
2 Contribution – Funding for Public Campaign Financing Fund

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4 FOR the purpose of determining the deadline to file a notice of intent to participate in the
5 public campaign financing fund; aligning the ratio of amount and number of
6 contributions among County Executive and Council candidates; determining the
7 threshold for the Controller to certify sufficient fund balance; providing for a second
8 review of fund balance by the Controller during the election cycle; requiring the County
9 Executive to appropriate sufficient funds pursuant to the Charter; providing for
10 minimum appropriations beginning in Fiscal Year 2028; providing for staffing for the
11 Commission; requiring the designation of a public liaison for the public campaign
12 financing system; requiring an audit of the public campaign financing system after a
13 general election; and generally relating to public campaign financing.

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15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 1-12-103(a); 1-12-104(a); 1-12-106(d)
16 under new tagline “Review of fund balance.”; and 1-12-111
17 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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19 BY adding: §1-12-113
20 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

21
22 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
23 That the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

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1 **ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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3 **TITLE 12. PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING**

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5 **1-12-103. Contributions.**

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7 (a) **Prerequisites.** Before raising any contribution governed by this title, an applicant
8 candidate shall:

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10 (1) File notice of intent with the Board on or before [[April 15 of the year of the
11 election]] THE DEADLINE TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY AS DETERMINED BY
12 §5-303(A)(1) OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF STATE CODE on a form prescribed by the
13 Board; and

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15 (2) Establish a publicly funded campaign account for the purpose of receiving
16 eligible contributions and spending funds in accordance with this title.

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18 **1-12-104. Requirements for certification.**

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20 (a) **Qualification.** To qualify as a certified candidate:

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22 (1) An applicant candidate for County Executive shall collect from County
23 residents at least:

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25 (i) 500 qualifying contributions; and

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27 (ii) an aggregate total of \$40,000 FOR THE 2026 ELECTION CYCLE OR \$50,000 FOR
28 EVERY ELECTION CYCLE THEREAFTER; and

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30 (2) An applicant candidate for Councilmember shall collect from County residents
31 at least:

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33 (i) 75 qualifying contributions; and

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35 (ii) an aggregate total of \$7,500.

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37 **1-12-106. Disbursements of public contribution.**

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39 (d) **Review of Fund balance.** (1) On or before July 1 of the year preceding a primary
40 election, the Controller shall determine if the amount in the Fund is sufficient to meet the
41 maximum public contributions THE GREATER OF THE AMOUNT REASONABLY EXPECTED
42 TO BE REQUIRED DURING THE NEXT ELECTION CYCLE BASED ON INTEREST EXPRESSED BY
43 CANDIDATES OR TO FUND AT LEAST ONE CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE
44 AND FOUR CERTIFIED CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COUNCIL. THE CONTROLLER SHALL
45 SUBMIT THE DETERMINATION TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL, THE
46 COMMISSION, AND THE BOARD.

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48 (2) WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DEADLINE TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY
49 UNDER §5-303(A)(1) OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF STATE CODE, THE CONTROLLER
50 SHALL DETERMINE IF THE AMOUNT IN THE FUND IS SUFFICIENT TO FUND THE NUMBER OF

1 CERTIFIED CANDIDATES AS DEFINED IN THIS TITLE. THE CONTROLLER SHALL SUBMIT THE
2 DETERMINATION TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL, THE COMMISSION,
3 AND THE BOARD.
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5 (3) If UPON REVIEW UNDER (1) OR (2), the Controller determines that the total
6 amount available for disbursement in the Fund is insufficient to meet the allocations
7 required by this section, the Controller shall reduce each public contribution to a certified
8 candidate based on the ratio of the amount in the Fund to the maximum public contributions
9 reasonably expected to be required. IF FUNDING IS SUPPLEMENTED THE CONTROLLER
10 SHALL RESTORE EACH PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE THAT WAS
11 PREVIOUSLY REDUCED.
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13 (4) IF THE CONTROLLER DETERMINES AT ANY POINT AFTER JULY 1 OF THE YEAR
14 PRECEDING A GENERAL ELECTION THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR
15 DISBURSEMENT IN THE FUND IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE MAXIMUM PUBLIC
16 CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL CANDIDATES CERTIFIED IN THE CURRENT ELECTION
17 CYCLE, THE CONTROLLER SHALL NOTIFY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY
18 COUNCIL AND THE BOARD WITHIN 3 DAYS OF THE DETERMINATION. THE CONTROLLER
19 MAY INCLUDE IN THE NOTIFICATION AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE
20 ELECTION CYCLE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATES, THE
21 DISBURSEMENTS COMPLETED UP TO THE TIME OF THE NOTIFICATION, AND THE AMOUNT
22 OF TIME REMAINING IN THE ELECTION CYCLE AND THE DISBURSEMENT PERIOD. EXCEPT
23 UNDER THE LIMITATIONS OF §1-12-111, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL SUBMIT A
24 REQUEST TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO SUPPLEMENT THE FUND BY A TRANSFER OR
25 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 711 OR 712 OF THE COUNTY
26 CHARTER WITHIN 5 DAYS.
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28 **1-12-111. Funding for the Public Campaign Financing Fund.**

29
30 (a) **Annual funding.** Except as provided in subsection (b)[[.]];
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32 (1) in each fiscal year, the County Executive shall include in the annual budget and
33 appropriation ordinance the amount calculated by the Public Campaign Financing System
34 Commission as necessary to fully fund the public campaign financing system for the fiscal
35 year.
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37 (2) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2028 AND FOR EVERY FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,
38 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL INCLUDE THE GREATER OF \$300,000 OR THE AMOUNT
39 CALCULATED BY THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM COMMISSION IN THE
40 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.
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42 (b) **Exception.** The County Executive is not required to include the amount calculated
43 by the Public Campaign Financing System Commission as necessary to fully fund the
44 public campaign financing system for the fiscal year in the annual budget and appropriation
45 ordinance if:
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47 (1) in the current fiscal year, funds have been or are being transferred from the
48 Revenue Reserve Fund to the General Fund pursuant to § 4-11-106 of this Code; or
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50 (2) not later than 120 days prior to the end of the fiscal year, the County Executive
51 certifies to the County Council that the County's fiscal condition makes it imprudent to
52 include the full amount calculated by the Public Campaign Financing System Commission

1 as necessary to fully fund the public campaign financing system for the fiscal year, and the
2 County Council approves the certification by a vote of not less than five members.

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4 (c) **Public Campaign Financing Fund.** Funds to finance the public campaign
5 financing system included in the annual budget and appropriation ordinance shall be
6 included in and disbursed from the Public Campaign Financing Fund.

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8 (d) **Staffing.** THE BUDGET OFFICER SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH
9 INFORMATION REGARDING ECONOMIC TRENDS AND THE COUNTY'S FISCAL PLANS IN
10 RELATION TO THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM. The County Executive [[may]]
11 SHALL provide staff support for the Commission AND DESIGNATE A PUBLIC LIAISON TO
12 PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE SYSTEM TO CANDIDATES AND THE PUBLIC.

13
14 (E) **Additional Appropriations.** PURSUANT TO §1-12-106(D), THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
15 SHALL SUPPLEMENT THE FUND BY A TRANSFER OR SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION
16 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 711 OR 712 OF THE COUNTY CHARTER.

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18 **1-12-113. Audit.**

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20 (A) **In general.** BEGINNING 60 DAYS AFTER THE BOARD CERTIFIES THE RESULTS OF
21 THE GENERAL ELECTION, THE COUNTY AUDITOR SHALL CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE
22 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY OF THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM, INCLUDING
23 PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNTS, TO ENSURE PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN
24 ACCOUNTS RAISED AND SPENT FUNDS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS TITLE.

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26 (B) **Scope.**

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28 (1) THE AUDIT SHALL APPLY TO THE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNTS OF ALL CANDIDATES
29 WHO:

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31 (I) FILED AN INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING
32 SYSTEM; AND

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34 (II) FILED FOR CERTIFICATION TO BECOME QUALIFIED CERTIFIED CANDIDATES.

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36 (2) THE AUDIT SHALL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF:

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38 (I) ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS;

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40 (II) QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS;

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42 (III) CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES;

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44 (IV) DISTRIBUTIONS OF PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS;

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46 (V) THE CERTIFIED CANDIDATES BOARD CERTIFICATION REPORT; AND

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48 (VI) CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION THAT WERE NOT
49 APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

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51 (3) THE AUDIT SHALL VERIFY THAT PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES RETURNED:

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53 (I) ANY UNSPENT FUNDS FROM THE PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT
54 TO THE CONTROLLER FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH §1-12-107(D);

1 (II) ANY FUNDS MISTAKENLY DISBURSED FROM THE PUBLICLY FUNDED
2 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT TO THE CONTROLLER FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE
3 WITH §1-12-106(J); AND
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5 (III) ANY UNSPENT FUNDS FROM THE PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN UPON THE
6 WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ELECTION TO THE CONTROLLER FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND
7 IN ACCORDANCE WITH §1-12-108(B).
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9 (C) **Records and responses.** CANDIDATES SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL REQUESTS FOR
10 INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION FROM THE AUDITOR DURING THE AUDIT PROCESS.
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12 (D) **Findings.** THE RESULTS AND FINDINGS OF THE AUDIT SHALL BE SENT TO THE
13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL, THE COMMISSION AND THE BOARD AT THE
14 CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT. CANDIDATES MAY RESPOND TO OR CONTEST AUDIT
15 FINDINGS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT.
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17 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
18 from the date it becomes law.

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 72-25

Introduced by Mr. Volke

By the County Council, July 21, 2025

Introduced and first read on July 21, 2025
Public Hearing set for September 15, 2025
Bill Expires on October 24, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Workforce
2 Housing

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4 FOR the purpose of reducing the density of housing in R5 for workforce housing under
5 certain circumstances; and generally relating to zoning.

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7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-10-175(3)
8 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

9
10 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
11 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

ARTICLE 18. ZONING

TITLE 10. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES

18-10-175. Workforce Housing.

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19 (3) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, maximum density shall be 22
20 dwelling units per acre.

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22 (II) FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING IN AN R5 ZONING DISTRICT THAT HAS DIRECT
23 VEHICULAR ACCESS TO A COLLECTOR OR LOWER CLASSIFICATION ROAD, THE MAXIMUM
24 DENSITY SHALL BE 5 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
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1 ~~[(ii)]~~(III) For workforce housing in an R5 zoning district that ~~[[does not have]]~~
2 HAS direct vehicular access to ~~[[a collector or higher classification]]~~ A MINOR ARTERIAL
3 road, the maximum density shall be 10 dwelling units per acre.

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5 ~~[(iii)]~~(IV) For workforce housing in an R10 zoning district that does not have direct
6 vehicular access to a collector or higher classification road, the maximum density shall be
7 15 dwelling units per acre.

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9 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
10 from the date it becomes law.

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 73-25

Introduced by Mr. Volke

By the County Council, July 21, 2025

Introduced and first read on July 21, 2025
Public Hearing set for September 2, 2025
Bill Expires on October 24, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Special Exception Use – Pile Driving and Marine
2 Construction Operations

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4 FOR the purpose of amending the permitted, conditional, and special exceptions uses in
5 MA-2 to allow for marine construction as a special exception use; providing for
6 requirements for special exception uses for pile driving and marine construction
7 operations; and generally relating to zoning.

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9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-7-107
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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12 BY renumbering: §§ 18-11-142 through 18-11-166, respectively, to be §§ 18-11-143
13 through 18-11-167, respectively
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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16 BY adding: § 18-11-142
17 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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19 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
20 That §§18-11-142 through 18-11-166, respectively, of the Anne Arundel County Code
21 (2005, as amended) are hereby renumbered to be §§ 18-11-143 through 18-11-167,
22 respectively.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
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Asterisks *** indicate existing Code provisions in a list or chart that remain unchanged.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

ARTICLE 18. ZONING

TITLE 7. MARITIME DISTRICTS

18-7-107. Permitted, conditional, and special exception uses.

The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the Maritime group districts are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special exception use. A blank means that the use is not allowed in the district. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures customarily accessory to the listed uses also are allowed.

Permitted, Conditional, and Special Exception Uses	MA1	MA2	MA3	MB	MC

Pile driving and marine construction operations		SE		P	P

TITLE 11. REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES

18-11-142. Pile driving and marine construction operations.

PILE DRIVING AND MARINE CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(1) THE PILE DRIVING AND MARINE CONSTRUCTION USE SHALL BE ACCESSORY TO A MARINA AND LIMITED TO THE LESSOR OF 15% OF THE TOTAL SITE AREA OR A QUARTER OF AN ACRE.

(2) THE TOTAL LOT SIZE FOR FACILITY SHALL BE AT LEAST HALF OF AN ACRE.

(3) THE FACILITY MAY OPERATE ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 A.M. AND 5 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

(4) THE FACILITY SHALL BE SCREENED FROM ADJACENT PROPERTIES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY LANDSCAPE MANUAL.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 74-25

Introduced by Mr. Smith

By the County Council, July 21, 2025

Introduced and first read on July 21, 2025
Public Hearing set for September 15, 2025
Bill Expires on October 24, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – BWI Mixed Use Overlay Area – Carwashes

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3 FOR the purpose of allowing carwashes as a permitted use in the BWI Mixed Use Overlay
4 Area; and generally relating to zoning.

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6 BY renumbering: §18-14-502 (3) through (10), respectively, to be §18-14-503 (4) through
7 (11), respectively
8 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill No. 30-25)

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10 BY adding: §18-14-502 (3)
11 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill No. 30-25)

12
13 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
14 That §18-14-502 (3) through (10) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
15 (as amended by Bill No. 30-25) be renumbered to be §18-14-502 (4) through (11),
16 respectively.

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18 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County
19 Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill No. 30-25) read as follows:

ARTICLE 18. ZONING

TITLE 14. OTHER OVERLAYS

SUBTITLE 5. BWI MIXED USE OVERLAY

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1 **18-14-502. Uses.**

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3 The uses allowed on a property in the BWI Mixed Use Overlay Area are the permitted,
4 conditional, and special exception uses allowed in the underlying zoning district in
5 accordance with the requirements of the district in which the use is located. The following
6 additional uses are allowed as permitted uses within the BWI Mixed Use Overlay Area:

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10 (3) CARWASHES;

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14 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
15 from the date it becomes law.

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 75-25

Introduced by Ms. Leadbetter

By the County Council, July 21, 2025

Introduced and first read on July 21, 2025
Public Hearing set for September 15, 2025
Bill Expires October 24, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Youth Nature Immersion Program

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3 FOR the purpose of defining “Youth Nature Immersion Program”; adding youth nature
4 immersion programs as a conditional use and providing for the conditions in certain
5 districts; and generally relating to zoning.

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7 BY renumbering: § 18-1-101(175) to be § 18-1-101(176), respectively
8 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill Nos. 72-24,
9 13-25, and 29-25)

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11 BY adding: §§ 18-1-101(175) and 18-10-177
12 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill Nos. 72-24, 2-25,
13 13-25, and 29-25)

14
15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 18-4-106 and 18-9-202
16 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill Nos. 72-24,
17 13-25, and 29-25)

18
19 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
20 That § 18-1-101(175) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended
21 by Bill Nos. 72-24, 13-25, and 29-25), is hereby renumbered to be § 18-1-101(176),
22 respectively.

23
24 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County
25 Code (2005, as amended) that read as follows:

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ARTICLE 18. ZONING

TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS

18-1-101. Definitions.

Unless defined in this article, the Natural Resources Article of the State Code, or COMAR, words defined elsewhere in this Code apply in this article. The following words have the meanings indicated:

(175) "YOUTH NATURE IMMERSION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM FOR YOUTH WHO ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER THAT FOCUSES ON OUTDOOR EXPLORATION AND NATURE-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND MAY INCLUDE EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT, OCCUPATIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES, AND DAY CAMP PROGRAMS.

TITLE 4. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

18-4-106. Permitted, conditional, and special exception uses.

The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the residential districts are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special exception use. A blank means that the use is not allowed in the district. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures customarily accessory to the listed uses also are allowed, except that guest houses as accessory structures are prohibited and outside storage as an accessory use is limited to the lesser of 10% of the allowed lot coverage or 500 square feet.

Permitted, Conditional, and Special Exception Uses	RA	RLD	R1	R2	R5	R10	R15	R22

Workforce housing					C	C	C	
YOUTH NATURE IMMERSION PROGRAM	C	C	C					

TITLE 9. OTHER ZONING DISTRICTS

18-9-202. Permitted, conditional, and special exception uses.

The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in Open Space Districts (OS) and in the Open Space Conservation Overlay (OS-C) are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special exception use. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures customarily accessory to the listed uses also are allowed.

Permitted, Conditional, and Special Exception Uses	OS	OS-C

Volunteer fire stations	P	
YOUTH NATURE IMMERSION PROGRAM	C	

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TITLE 10. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES

18-10-177. Youth Nature Immersion Program.

A YOUTH NATURE IMMERSION PROGRAM SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) THE USE SHALL BE LOCATED ON A LOT OF AT LEAST FIVE ACRES.
- (2) THE USE SHALL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 60 YOUTH ON-SITE AT ONE TIME.
- (3) ADEQUATE AND CLEAN SANITARY FACILITIES SHALL BE PROVIDED.
- (4) PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF AREAS SHALL BE ADEQUATE TO PROVIDE CONVENIENT ACCESS TO THE SITE WITHOUT OFF-SITE QUEUING OF VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE SAFE INTERIOR CIRCULATION OF VEHICLES AND VISITORS.
- (5) THE ACTIVITIES ON THE SITE SHALL BE LOCATED IN A MANNER TO SHIELD SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FROM THE EFFECTS OF NOISE, HAZARDS, OR OTHER OFFENSIVE CONDITIONS.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 15

Resolution No. 21-25

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair

By the County Council, July 21, 2025

1 RESOLUTION appointing members of the Salary Standard Commission

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3 WHEREAS, pursuant to § 3-19-101 of the County Code there is a Salary Standard
4 Commission that shall report to the County Council in accordance with § 10-302
5 of the Local Government Article of the State Code; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Commission is tasked with recommending compensation and
8 allowances to be paid to members of the County Council; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the
11 County Council; now, therefore, be it

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13 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby*
14 *appoints the following persons to serve as members of the Salary Standard Commission;*

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16 1. Daniel McGinty

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18 2. Robert Wagner

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20 3. David Morsberger

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22 4. Scott Howarth

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24 5. Michael Cox

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26 6. Sharon Blugis

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28 7. Natasha Hillsman

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30 and be it further

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32 *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the members of the Salary Standard*
33 *Commission.*

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 62-25
(Public Works – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program)

July 21, 2025

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

Amendment No. 1

On page 1 of the proposed bill, in line 11, after the first semi-colon, insert “allowing for certain reductions of the stormwater remediation fee for certain properties with stormwater management practices approved after a certain date;” on page 2, in line 5, strike the second “and”; and after “13-7-106(b)”, insert “and 13-7-107”; and on page 6, after line 13, insert:

“13-7-107. Reduction of fee.

The Director shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Environment Article, § 4-202.1(f)(1), of the State Code to reduce, in an amount not to exceed 50%, the stormwater remediation fee for a real property that has a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit that includes stormwater management controls, or to account for existing on site systems, facilities, services, or activities that reduce the quantity or improve the quality of stormwater discharged from a property. REAL PROPERTY CONTAINING A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICE INSTALLED IN ASSOCIATION WITH A DEVELOPMENT COMPLETED AFTER JULY 1, 2026, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A 50% REDUCTION OF THE STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE, TO BE APPLIED AFTER SATISFACTORY FINAL INSPECTION OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS. Marinas covered under a current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit with stormwater management controls for marinas shall be entitled to a 25% reduction of the stormwater remediation fee for the marina. Marinas in good standing with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Clean Marina Initiative shall be entitled to a total reduction not to exceed 50% of the stormwater remediation fee for the marina. The Director may enter into an agreement for a fee reduction conditioned upon the successful implementation of an approved stormwater remediation project.”.

(This amendment allows for a stormwater remediation fee reduction for properties containing stormwater management practices installed in association with a development completed after July 1, 2026.)