



COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 8
April 17, 2023

Legislative Session
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

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

April 3, 2023 – Legislative Day No. 7

- I. Introduction of Bills

BILL NO. 25-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Provisions – Public Campaign Financing – FOR the purpose of defining certain terms; establishing the Public Campaign Financing Fund; providing for the source of funding for the public campaign financing funds; providing for the limitations and conditions on contributions and loans to an applicant candidate; providing for the adjustment of contribution limitations; providing for the certification of qualified candidates eligible for public campaign financing; providing for the disbursement of public campaign financing funds; establishing limitations and conditions of public campaign financing funds; establishing the process to withdraw from participation in the Fund; establishing restrictions on an applicant, certified or participating candidate; creating the Commission to recommend funding for the Public Campaign Financing Fund; establishing that a violation of this title is a Class B civil offense; and generally relating to public campaign financing.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

J. Introduction of Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 10-23 – RESOLUTION recognizing National Therapy Animal Day in Anne Arundel County

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Fiedler, and Mr. Volke

RESOLUTION NO. 11-23 – RESOLUTION nominating a member to serve on the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Ms. Pickard, and Ms. Rodvien

RESOLUTION NO. 12-23 – RESOLUTION confirming a nomination to the Board of Trustees of The Public Library Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Incorporated

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 13-23 – RESOLUTION approving the submission of a name for the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-23 – RESOLUTION confirming the appointments of members to serve on the Personnel Board for Anne Arundel County

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 15-23 – RESOLUTION reappointing a member to the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 16-23 – RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of the Executive Director of the Police Accountability Board

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

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

BILL NO. 13-23 (As Amended) (Amendments Proposed) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting – FOR the purpose of establishing a uniform permitting process for special events; defining certain terms; exempting certain events from the requirement for a special event permit; requiring certain persons to obtain a permit to hold special events; requiring the permit application to contain certain information; establishing the basis for granting or denying the permit application; establishing fees and fee waivers for special event permit applications; requiring reimbursement of costs incurred by the County and allowing for the waiver of such reimbursement; requiring certain inspections be performed; allowing for the termination of

permits in certain circumstances; providing for a delay in the application and collection of certain fees; and generally relating to licenses and registrations.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 19-23 (As Amended) (Amendments Proposed) – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Safety – Ban the Bag Act of Anne Arundel County – FOR the purpose of prohibiting the retail distribution of plastic bags in Anne Arundel County; defining certain terms; establishing the duties of retail establishments; making a violation a Class C civil offense; providing for the enforcement of the prohibition on plastic bags; allowing retail establishments to distribute paper and reusable bags at no cost until a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to public safety.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Hummer, and Ms. Pickard

BILL NO. 20-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan – Walk & Roll Anne Arundel! – Adoption – FOR the purpose of repealing the 2003 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and the 2013 update to that Plan; adopting the County’s 2023 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, entitled “Walk & Roll Anne Arundel!”; and generally relating to the pedestrian and bicycle master plan.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 21-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Housing for the Elderly of Moderate Means – FOR the purpose of requiring a covenant enforceable by the County for housing for the elderly of moderate means; adding certain government-funded developments with at least one resident that is 62 years of age or older as a type of “housing for the elderly of moderate means”; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 5-23 – RESOLUTION approving the determination of certain improved County-owned property, known as 100 Summit Avenue in Glen Burnie, Maryland, as surplus property

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 8-23 – RESOLUTION approving the nomination of Tonii Gedin as Acting Health Officer

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

L. Other Business

M. Adjournment

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 7
April 3, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 7:00 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Mr. Smith, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 90 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

The County Auditor's Office was represented by Michelle Bohlayer. Matthew Bennett, Legislative Counsel, was also present.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Pickard presented Distinguished Citizen Pins to Monica and Fred Rost for their work with BKind.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Laura Corby, Administrative Officer, read aloud the Ethics Statement.

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Chair opened Invitation to Audience.

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

The following persons spoke at Invitation to Audience:

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Michael Brown, Glen Burnie
Mike Shay, Shady Side

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

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 Mr. Volke, the minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2023 were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 22-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – General Provisions – Digital Zoning Layer – FOR the purpose of establishing guidelines for construing the location of zoning district lines shown on the digital zoning layer; authorizing the County Council or the Planning and Zoning Officer to certify administrative corrections to zoning district lines in certain situations; and generally relating to zoning.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 23-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County – FOR the purpose of adding a certain non-voting advisor; staggering the initial terms of members; providing that the Director shall be a County employee in the exempt service; revising the process for appointing and qualifications of a Chief Financial Officer; altering certain reporting requirements; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 24-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Pensions – County Councilmember – Vesting – FOR the purpose of altering the number of service years a County Councilmember who is a participant in the Employees' Retirement Plan is required to complete in order to vest in the benefits of the plan; making conforming changes; and generally relating to pensions.
Introduced by Ms. Fiedler and Mr. Volke

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 8-23 – RESOLUTION approving the nomination of Tonii Gedin as Acting Health Officer
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 9-23 – RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of the acquisition of real property in Lothian, Maryland, from Perdue AgriBusiness LLC, utilizing funds from the Advance Land Acquisition Capital Project
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULE

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, a motion to suspend the rules to vote on Resolution No. 3-23 and Resolution No. 4-23 out of order was passed by the following roll call:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CALL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 3-23

The Chair called for Resolution No. 3-23, A Resolution approving the determination of certain improved County-owned property at the corner of Yellow Springs South and Wye Mills South in Laurel, Maryland, as surplus property; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Christopher Daniels, Real Estate, and Christine Neiderer, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 3-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 3-23.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 3-23, A Resolution approving the determination of certain improved County-owned property at the corner of Yellow Springs South and Wye Mills South in Laurel, Maryland, as surplus property; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke asked what was on the property currently and who would buy the property.

Mr. Baron and Mr. Daniels answered.

Resolution No. 3-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

RESOLUTION NO. 4-23

The Chair called for Resolution No. 4-23, A Resolution approving the determination of certain improved County-owned property near Eagle Harbor South in Laurel, Maryland, as surplus property; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Christopher Daniels, Real Estate, and Christine Neiderer, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 4-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 4-23.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 4-23, A Resolution approving the determination of certain improved County-owned property near Eagle Harbor South in Laurel, Maryland, as surplus property; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 4-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

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

BILL NO. 6-23 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 6-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Works – Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Accessory Dwelling Units – For the purpose of exempting certain accessory dwelling units from capital facility connection charges and impact fees; amending the definitions of “density” and “dwelling unit, accessory”; repealing certain parking requirements for accessory dwelling units; amending the conditional use requirements for accessory dwelling units; allowing accessory dwelling units in use as of a certain date to be exempt from certain conditional use requirements; and generally relating to public works, subdivision and development, and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien, Co-Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, Claudia O’Keeffe, Inspections and Permits, Karen Henry, Department of Public Works, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law.

The Administration stated its support.

Mr. Volke spoke on legal questions regarding critical area designations.

Ms. Klasmeier spoke on density in the LDA.

Ms. Pickard, Co-Sponsor, thanked Ms. Rodvien for her hard work on the bill.

Ms. Rodvien thanked those who worked on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 6-23, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were sixteen submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 6-23, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 6-23, as amended:

Stacia Roesler, Annapolis
Priscilla Kania, Annapolis
Marygrace Fitzhenry, Arnold
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Claire Corcoran, Annapolis
John Van de Kamp, Annapolis
Helene Raven, Annapolis
Robin Clark, Annapolis
William “Jeff” Hill, Severna Park
Tamela B., Severna Park
Amy Leahy, Severna Park
Frank Tewey, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 6-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Works – Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Accessory Dwelling Units; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 14

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This technical amendment corrects a typographical error.

Ms. Rodvien, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 14 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Ms. Rodvien addressed points from the public testimony.

Ms. Pickard thanked the AARP citizens who came to speak.

Mr. Volke asked about community association bi-laws.

Ms. Klasmeier responded.

Mr. Volke thanked the citizens who came out in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Fiedler spoke on sheds.

Ms. Klasmeier clarified.

Bill No. 6-23, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 13-23 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 13-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting – For the purpose of establishing a uniform permitting process for special events; defining certain terms; requiring certain persons to obtain a permit to hold special events; requiring the permit application to contain certain information; establishing the basis for granting or denying the permit application; establishing fees and fee waivers for special event permit applications; requiring reimbursement of costs incurred by the County and allowing for the waiver of such reimbursement; requiring certain inspections be performed; allowing for the termination of permits in certain circumstances; providing for a delay in the

application and collection of certain fees; and generally relating to licenses and registrations; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Preeti Emrick, Office of Emergency Management, Assistant Fire Chief Lawrence Schultz, Fire Department, Captain Daniel Rodriquez, Police Department, Holly Velez, Inspections and Permits, and Ethan Hunt, Office of Law.

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

Ms. Emrick agreed with Mr. Baron.

Mr. Hunt spoke on a legal letter the Council received.

Mr. Volke expressed his concern that Recreation and Parks was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Baron responded.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 13-23, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were sixty-six submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 13-23, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 13-23, as amended:

Bruce Bereano, Annapolis
Anna Chaney, Lothian
Susangrace DuBose, Annapolis
Dario Fermaint, Odenton
Jules Smith, Davidsonville
Jeannie Gibbons, Mount Savage
Alan Lang, Pasadena
Debra Hathaway, Easton
John May, Davidsonville
Joe Larsen, Hanover
David Morsberger, Davidsonville
Jonathan Howe, Annapolis
Margaret Cefail, Catonsville
Frank Tewey, Annapolis
Melinda Johnson, Newport News, VA

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

The Chair called Bill No. 13-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 9

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

The amendment excludes from the definition of “special events” an agritourism event held on private property that does not require the exclusive use of public streets or roads or the use of county services exceeding normal operations; and excludes agritourism and farm or agricultural heritage site special events authorized by the Planning and Zoning Officer.

Mr. Smith explained that Amendment No. 9 is the same as Amendment No. 2.

Ms. Leadbetter explained the purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support.

Mr. Volke expressed his concern for the amendment and asked about the use of parks.

Mr. Baron responded.

Ms. Pickard clarified the use of agricultural heritage sites for events.

Ms. Leadbetter answered.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 9 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 10

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment alters the definition of “Public Assembly” to mean a group of 500 or more persons collected together in one place for the same purpose.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked how the number 500 was decided.

Chief Schultz answered.

Captain Rodriguez spoke on the Police Departments position.

Mr. Smith asked how many events were over 500 people.

Captain Rodriguez responded.

Ms. Fiedler asked what the process is for State roads that feed into County roadways.

Captain Rodriguez answered.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 10 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 11

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment defines “vigil”; exempts vigils and spontaneous responses to a current event from the definition of a “special event”; and strikes a reference to a “spontaneous response to a current event” from the provision that allows the County to alter or waive the application filing deadline.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 11 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 12

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires an application be filed at least 90 days prior to a special event; requires the County to either grant the permit application at least 30 days before the proposed date or deny the permit application if the sponsor has not made modifications requested to ensure the health, safety, and general welfare of the public or participants of the special event; and provides for an application fee if the application is submitted less than 90 days before the special event.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler expressed her support of the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked about wording in the amendment.

Mr. Baron responded.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 12 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 13

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that any misrepresentation in a prior special event permit application, a special event in another county, or the application currently under consideration, must be intentional or willful in order for the County to consider not granting the application.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler spoke on burden of proof.

Mr. Hunt responded.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 13 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 14

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that intentional or willful misrepresentation by the sponsor that causes an immediate risk to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public or participants in a special event may be grounds for revocation of a permit and emergency termination of a special event.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 14 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 15

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment strikes insufficient or substandard toilet facilities, refreshment facilities, and litter control as reasons for not issuing a special events permit.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the amendment.

Ms. Pickard expressed her view of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 15 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 16

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires the County to provide notice to a sponsor prior to denying, modifying, or cancelling a permit, as well as requiring the sponsor to be provided the opportunity to take corrective action prior to a denial, modification, or cancellation.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler thanked those who worked on the amendment.

Mr. Volke spoke on the time frame of the denial notice.

Mr. Baron responded.

Ms. Fiedler clarified the amendment.

Mr. Baron gave information on the timeframe.

Ms. Rodvien clarified Mr. Baron's response.

Mr. Smith asked for an example of an event that did not give adequate notice.

Chief Schultz answered.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 16 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 17

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment provides a non-exhaustive list of special events for which the County may consider waiving the late application fee of \$100.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the amendment.

Ms. Leadbetter clarified special events.

Mr. Baron responded.

Mr. Smith clarified the time frame of when the fee would be paid.

Mr. Baron answered.

Mr. Hunt explained exemption of events from qualifying applicants.

Ms. Hummer added that carnivals were included in the list of special events.

Mr. Baron agreed.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 17 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 18

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment provides a non-exhaustive list of special events for which the County may consider waiving payment of all or a portion of the special service charge.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 18 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Mr. Volke asked to do Amendment No. 20 before Amendment No. 19, and the Council agreed.

Amendment No. 20

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

The amendment requires a person to provide a certain amount of notice of a special event if the anticipated number of attendees is more than a certain amount; requires the County to issue a permit for a special event if the proper notice is provided; authorizes the Department of Inspections and Permits to seek a temporary restraining order if the required notice is not provided; strikes a superfluous definition; and makes other conforming changes.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

The Administration does not support.

Chief Schultz explained his position on the amendment.

Mr. Smith asked how quickly the courts would respond to the restraining order requests.

Mr. Volke responded.

Ms. Pickard expressed her concern for the amendment.

Mr. Volke explained the intention of the amendment and asked a question regarding life stabilization.

There was continued discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 20 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter,

Nay – Ms. Pickard, Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Mr. Smith

Amendment No. 19

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, withdrew the amendment.

Amendment No. 21

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

The amendment excludes from the definition of “special events” a renaissance festival allowed as a special exception use; and requires a renaissance festival to pay a special service charge.

Ms. Rodvien, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

The Administration does not support.

Mr. Volke explained his vote.

Mr. Baron responded.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the vendors of the Renaissance Festival.

Ms. Leadbetter asked a question about the amendment.

Mr. Baron answered.

On motion of Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

RECESS

On motion by Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the Council recessed at 10:18 P.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 10:26 P.M.

Amendment No. 22

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

The amendment excludes from the definition of “special event” a parade licensed under § 11-11-101; strikes the provisions of the bill that would repeal the current licensing scheme for a parade; requires a person to provide notice if the anticipated number of attendees to a special event will exceed 500 but not 1,000; requires a person to obtain a special event permit only if the anticipated number of attendees to a special event will exceed 1,000; adds form requirements for the notice; and make other changes to conform to the notice and permit requirements.

Ms. Rodvien, Co-Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

The Administration does not support.

Ms. Emerick spoke on risk assessment.

Chief Schultz, Mr. Baron, and Captain Rodriguez explained more about the amendment.

Ms. Leadbetter, Co-Sponsor, explained how the 1,000 limit was decided on.

Captain Rodriguez clarified the amendment’s effect on the current process.

On motion of Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 22 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter,

Nay – Ms. Pickard, Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Mr. Smith

The Chair stated that Bill No. 13-23, as amended, will be heard on April 17, 2023.

BILL NO. 16-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 16-23, An Ordinance concerning: Public Ethics – For the purpose of defining “quasi-governmental entity”; repealing a provision that allows for the disclosure of a complainant; prohibiting the acceptance of gifts from certain entities; prohibiting retaliation against a complainant; requiring the disclosure of certain gifts and relationships in financial disclosure statements; amending the terms for disclosing certain real property and business interests; allowing the public inspection of certain records by electronic means; and generally relating to public ethics; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Michael Botsaris, Ethics, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 16-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 16-23.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 16-23, An Ordinance concerning: Public Ethics; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke asked about the requirements for financial disclosures.

Mr. Botsaris answered.

Mr. Smith asked to speak with Mr. Botsaris in the future.

Bill No. 16-23 was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 17-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 16-23, An Ordinance concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – The Villages at Marley Station, Glen Burnie, Maryland – Amendment – For the purpose of authorizing the County Executive to enter into a certain amendment to the agreement for payment in lieu of County real property taxes for a certain property located in Glen Burnie, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Kathy Ebner, ACDS, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law.

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

Ms. Pickard, Co-Sponsor, urged a positive response to the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 17-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 17-23.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 17-23, An Ordinance concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – The Villages at Marley Station, Glen Burnie, Maryland – Amendment; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 17-23 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

BILL NO. 18-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 18-23, An Ordinance concerning: Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage System – For the purpose of amending the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems, 2022 to alter certain maps; and generally relating to the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Cindy Carrier, Office of Planning and Zoning, Christopher Murphy, Department of Public Works, Kate Dawson, Central Services, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law.

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

Ms. Fiedler spoke on a property in District 5.

Ms. Carrier responded.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 18-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 18-23.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 18-23, An Ordinance concerning: Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage System; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 18-23 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 19-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 19-23, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Ban the Bag Act of Anne Arundel County – For the purpose of prohibiting the retail distribution of plastic bags in Anne Arundel County; defining certain terms; establishing the duties of retail establishments; making a violation a Class C civil offense; providing for the enforcement of the prohibition on plastic bags; allowing retail establishments to distribute paper and reusable bags at no cost until a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to public safety; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien, Co-Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Erik Michelsen, Environment, Holly Velez, Inspection and Permits, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law.

The Administration stated its support.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 19-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were twenty three submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 19-23, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 19-23:

Abby Root, Odenton
Bernie Robinson, Glen Burnie
John Breen, Annapolis
Priscilla Kania, Annapolis
Brendan Mahoney, Columbia
Sarah Price, Annapolis
Elvia Thompson, Annapolis
Alan Lang, Pasadena
Michael Brown, Glen Burnie
Meg Kauder, Pasadena

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

The Chair called Bill No. 19-23, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Ban the Bag Act of Anne Arundel County; 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 excludes a food service facility or cafeteria if the food service facility or cafeteria is operated by a school.

Ms. Pickard, Co-Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Volke clarified that food services facilities would no longer be exempted and asked for data to back up decisions to justify the exemptions.

Ms. Pickard responded.

Mr. Volke expressed his concern about the amendment.

Ms. Hummer explained her ultimate desire for the bill.

Ms. Fiedler asked what bags are being used by the school system and spoke on the Styrofoam ban.

Ms. Pickard and Ms. Hummer answered.

Ms. Fiedler asked if it was possible to exempt the school system from the charge.

Ms. Pickard responded.

Mr. Volke gave an example of restaurant bags.

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

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

Nay – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment excludes from the definition of “plastic carry out bag” a bag used to contain, package, or wrap garments or dry-cleaned clothes.

Ms. Leadbetter, Co-Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 2 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment excludes from the definition of “plastic carry out bag” a bag used to fruits or vegetables produced by and purchased at a farm or orchard.

Ms. Leadbetter, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 3 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 4

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment excludes from the definition of “plastic carry out bag” a bag used to contain, package, or wrap live fish, insects, mollusks, or crustaceans.

Ms. Pickard, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support.

Mr. Baron asked for clarification on the definition of crustaceans.

Ms. Pickard answered.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 4 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 5

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment makes the requirement that a retail establishment to post notices that advise customers to bring reusable carryout bags permissive as opposed to mandatory.

Ms. Leadbetter, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron spoke on the amendment.

Mr. Volke and Ms. Rodvien expressed their agreement with Mr. Baron.

On motion of Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 5 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter

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

Amendment No. 6

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment defines “small retail establishment”; and exempts small retail establishments from the requirements of the bill.

Ms. Leadbetter, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

The Administration does not support.

Ms. Pickard explained her vote.

Ms. Rodvien asked how many businesses this amendment would cover.

Mr. Baron and Ms. Velez responded.

Mr. Smith asked if bags could be massed purchased by multiple businesses.

Sarah Price, Maryland Retail Association, answered.

Mr. Volke asked about unified branding.

Ms. Price replied.

Ms. Fiedler asked about price differences between plastic bags.

Ms. Price gave examples.

Ms. Leadbetter explained the price advantages.

Ms. Rodvien shared the idea of reusable bags.

On motion of Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 6 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 19-23, as amended, will be heard on April 17, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CALL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 6-23

The Chair called for Resolution No. 6-23, A Resolution supporting the Anne Arundel County Board of Education's revised Fiscal Year 2024 Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program request for submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Kyle Ruef, Board of Education, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron and Mr. Ruef explained the purpose of the resolution.

Ms. Rodvien encouraged the Council to vote yes on the resolution.

Mr. Smith asked to talk with Mr. Ruef in the near future.

Ms. Pickard shared her appreciation for the work being done to schools.

Mr. Volke asked about the Chesapeake Complex.

Mr. Ruef answered.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 6-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 6-23.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 6-23, A Resolution supporting the Anne Arundel County Board of Education's revised Fiscal Year 2024 Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program request for submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 6-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7-23

The Chair called for Resolution No. 7-23, A Resolution urging the Maryland General Assembly to oppose House Bill 119 and any amendments to conform Senate Bill 199 to State House Bill 119; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Leadbetter, Co-Sponsor, explained the purpose of the resolution.

Mr. Smith shared his support.

Ms. Pickard expressed her concern for the State bill and her position on the resolution.

Mr. Volke asked what the odds of the State bill making it to the Governor was.

Mr. Bennett answered.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 7-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were four submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Resolution No. 7-23, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Resolution No. 7-23:

Debi Jasen, Pasadena
Alan Lang, Pasadena
David Morsberger, Davidsonville

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 7-23, A Resolution urging the Maryland General Assembly to oppose House Bill 119 and any amendments to conform Senate Bill 199 to State House Bill 119; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler explained what a resolution is.

Resolution No. 7-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

By Anna Macaulay

For Laura Corby
 Administrative Officer



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

To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor
Date: April 12, 2023
Subject: Auditor's Review of Legislation for the April 17, 2023 Council Meeting

**Bill 13-23:
Licenses and Registrations
– Special Events –
Permitting (As Amended)**

Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes a uniform permitting process for special events, defines certain terms, requires certain persons to obtain a permit to hold special events, requires the permit application to contain certain information, establishes the basis for granting or denying the permit application, establishes fees and fee waivers for special event permit applications, requires reimbursement of costs incurred by the County and allows for the waiver of such reimbursement, requires certain inspections to be performed, and allows for the termination of permits in certain circumstances.

We commented on this bill in our letters dated March 15, 2023 and March 29, 2023. At the April 3, 2023 Council meeting, this bill was amended. These amendments include: exclude certain agritourism events from the definition of special events; alter the definition of public assembly to mean a group of 500 or more persons collected together in one place for the same purpose; define vigil and exempt vigils and spontaneous responses to a current event from the definition of a special event; change application deadlines; clarify that certain misrepresentations must be intentional or willful to consider not granting the permit; strike certain reasons for not issuing a permit; clarify that intentional or willful misrepresentation by the sponsor that causes an immediate risk may be grounds for revocation of a permit and emergency termination of a special event; require the County provide notice to a sponsor prior to denying, modifying, or cancelling a permit and to provide the sponsor an opportunity to take corrective action; provide a non-exhaustive list of special events that may be considered for application fee or special service charge waivers; and exclude a renaissance festival allowed as a special exception use from the definition of a special event and require a renaissance festival to pay a special service charge. We have no further comments on this bill.

**Bill 19-23:
Public Safety – Ban the
Bag Act of Anne Arundel
County (As Amended)**

Summary of Legislation

This bill prohibits the retail distribution of plastic bags in Anne Arundel County, defines certain terms, establishes the duties of retail establishments, makes a violation a Class C civil offense, provides for the enforcement of the prohibition on plastic bags, and provides for a delayed effective date. A Class C civil offense is \$500 for the first violation and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.

We commented on this bill in our letter dated March 29, 2023. At the April 3, 2023 Council meeting, this bill was amended to exempt school cafeterias; exclude a bag used to contain, package, or wrap hanging garments or dry-cleaned clothes; and exclude a bag used to contain, package, or wrap live fish, insects, mollusks, or crustaceans. We have no further comments on this bill.

**Bill 20-23:
Pedestrian and Bicycle
Master Plan – Walk &
Roll Anne Arundel! –
Adoption**

Summary of Legislation

This bill repeals the 2003 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and the 2013 update to that Plan and adopts the County’s 2023 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan entitled “Walk & Roll Anne Arundel!”

Review of Fiscal Impact

We agree with the Administration’s fiscal note that there is no direct fiscal impact associated with this bill, but there could be a fiscal impact from future actions to implement this Plan, and these will be considered as a part of future budget deliberations.

**Bill 21-23:
Zoning – Requirements
for Conditional Uses –
Housing for the Elderly of
Moderate Means**

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires a covenant enforceable by the County for housing for the elderly of moderate means and adds certain government-funded developments with at least one resident that is 62 years of age or older as a type of housing for the elderly of moderate means.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We agree with the Administration’s fiscal note that there is no direct fiscal impact of this bill. This bill will ensure that properties within the County are eligible for certain government funding opportunities. As noted in the Legislative Summary for Bill 21-23, this bill allows the properties to meet the federal definition of elderly family, which will allow projects that receive certain federal and state funding to restrict the age of residents in line with the criteria in federal law.

**Resolution 5-23:
Approving the
Determination of Certain
Improved County-Owned
Property, Known as 100
Summit Avenue in Glen
Burnie, as Surplus
Property**

Summary of Legislation

This resolution approves the determination of certain improved County-owned property, known as 100 Summit Avenue in Glen Burnie, as surplus property. According to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, the property is approximately 0.34 acres (14,614 square feet) and has an assessed value of \$500,900 as of July 1, 2022.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We reviewed this resolution and the support provided by the Administration and agree with the information presented. This resolution approves the determination of this property as surplus and has no fiscal impact. Pursuant to Code § 8-3-204(f), if the County Council approves this determination as surplus property and the purchase price is less than 90% of its appraised value or the appraised value is \$50,000 or more, County Council approval will be required for the disposition of the property.

**Resolution 8-23:
Approving the Nomination
of Tonii Gedin as Acting
Health Officer**

Summary of Legislation

This resolution approves the nomination of Tonii Gedin as the Acting Health Officer, effective March 23, 2023.

If approved, this nomination will go to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health for appointment.

Review of Fiscal Impact

This resolution will have no direct fiscal impact.

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 25-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

Introduced and first read on April 17, 2023
Public Hearing set for May 15, 2023
Bill Expires July 21, 2023

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Provisions – Public Campaign Financing

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3 FOR the purpose of defining certain terms; establishing the Public Campaign Financing
4 Fund; providing for the source of funding for the public campaign financing funds;
5 providing for the limitations and conditions on contributions and loans to an applicant
6 candidate; providing for the adjustment of contribution limitations; providing for the
7 certification of qualified candidates eligible for public campaign financing; providing
8 for the disbursement of public campaign financing funds; establishing limitations and
9 conditions of public campaign financing funds; establishing the process to withdraw
10 from participation in the Fund; establishing restrictions on an applicant, certified or
11 participating candidate; creating the Commission to recommend funding for the Public
12 Campaign Financing Fund; establishing that a violation of this title is a Class B civil
13 offense; and generally relating to public campaign financing.

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15 BY adding: §§ 1-12-101 through 1-12-112 to be under the new “Title 12. Public Campaign
16 Financing”
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 Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

21 ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

22 TITLE 12. PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING

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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.

1-12-101. Definitions.

IN THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(1) "APPLICANT CANDIDATE" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS RUNNING FOR A COVERED OFFICE AND WHO IS SEEKING TO BE A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE IN A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION.

(2) "BOARD" MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

(3) "CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY" MEANS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 13 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF THE STATE CODE.

(4) "CERTIFIED CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR A COVERED OFFICE WHO IS CERTIFIED AS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING FROM THE FUND.

(5) "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX" MEANS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI) FOR BALTIMORE-COLUMBIA-TOWSON, AS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, OR A SUCCESSOR INDEX.

(6) "CONTESTED ELECTION" MEANS AN ELECTION IN WHICH THERE ARE MORE CANDIDATES FOR AN OFFICE THAN THE NUMBER WHO CAN BE ELECTED TO THAT OFFICE. CONTESTED ELECTION INCLUDES A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD TO FILL A VACANCY UNDER § 205 OR § 402 OF THE CHARTER.

(7) "CONTRIBUTION" MEANS THE GIFT OR TRANSFER, OR PROMISE OF GIFT OR TRANSFER, OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY TO PROMOTE OR ASSIST IN THE PROMOTION OF THE SUCCESS OR DEFEAT OF A CANDIDATE, POLITICAL PARTY, OR QUESTION. CONTRIBUTION INCLUDES PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF TICKETS TO A CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISING EVENT AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF THE STATE CODE.

(8) "CONTROLLER" MEANS THE COUNTY CONTROLLER OR THE COUNTY CONTROLLER'S DESIGNEE.

(9) "COUNTY BOARD" MEANS THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

(10) "COVERED OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER.

(11) "DISBURSEMENT PERIOD" MEANS THE PERIOD OF TIME BEGINNING 365 DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE COVERED OFFICE THE CANDIDATE SEEKS AND ENDING 15 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION.

(12) "ELECTION CYCLE" MEANS THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE SAME TERM OF A COVERED OFFICE.

(13) "ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTION" MEANS AN AGGREGATE DONATION IN A FOUR YEAR ELECTION CYCLE OF NO MORE THAN \$250 FROM AN INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT RESIDE IN THE COUNTY.

(14) "FUND" MEANS THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND.

(15) "NON-CERTIFIED CANDIDATE" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS RUNNING FOR A COVERED OFFICE WHO EITHER:

(I) CHOOSES NOT TO APPLY TO BE A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE; OR

1 (II) APPLIES TO BE A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE BUT FAILS TO QUALIFY.

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3 (16) "NON-PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS RUNNING FOR A
4 COVERED OFFICE WHO IS EITHER A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE WHO DECLINES TO ACCEPT A
5 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION OR A NON-CERTIFIED CANDIDATE.

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7 (17) "PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE" MEANS A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE WHO HAS
8 RECEIVED A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FROM THE FUND FOR A PRIMARY OR GENERAL
9 ELECTION.

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11 (18) "PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM COMMISSION" MEANS THE
12 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN § 1-12-110.

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14 (19) "PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION" MEANS MONEY DISBURSED FROM THE FUND TO A
15 CERTIFIED CANDIDATE.

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17 (20) "PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT" MEANS A CAMPAIGN FINANCE
18 ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED BY A CANDIDATE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING
19 ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPENDING FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE.

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21 (21) "QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTION OF AT
22 LEAST \$5 BUT NO MORE THAN \$250 IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE OR A
23 CERTIFIED CANDIDATE THAT IS:

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25 (I) MADE BY A COUNTY RESIDENT;

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27 (II) MADE AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE QUALIFYING PERIOD, BUT NO LATER
28 THAN THE PRIMARY ELECTION OR, IF THE CANDIDATE, ADVANCES, THE GENERAL
29 ELECTION AND

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31 (III) ACKNOWLEDGED BY A RECEIPT THAT IDENTIFIES THE CONTRIBUTOR'S
32 NAME AND RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND SIGNED BY THE CONTRIBUTOR DIRECTLY OR BY
33 A DIGITAL SIGNATURE USING A METHOD APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

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35 (22) "QUALIFYING PERIOD" MEANS THE PERIOD OF TIME BEGINNING ON JANUARY
36 1 FOLLOWING THE LAST ELECTION FOR THE COVERED OFFICE THE CANDIDATE SEEKS AND
37 ENDING 45 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

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39 (23) "SLATE" MEANS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES
40 WHO JOIN TOGETHER TO CONDUCT AND PAY FOR JOINT CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.

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42 **1-12-102. Public Campaign Financing Fund established.**

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44 (A) **Fund created.** THERE IS A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND. THIS FUND IS
45 CONTINUING AND NON-LAPSING.

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47 (B) **Source of funding.** THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

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49 (1) ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO IT BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL;

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51 (2) ANY UNSPENT FUNDS REMAINING IN A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY
52 FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT AFTER THE CANDIDATE IS NO LONGER A CANDIDATE FOR
53 A COVERED OFFICE;

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55 (3) ANY PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PLUS INTEREST RETURNED TO THE FUND BY A
56 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO WITHDRAWS FROM PARTICIPATION;

(4) ALL INTEREST EARNED ON FUNDS IN THE FUND; AND

(5) VOLUNTARY DONATIONS MADE DIRECTLY TO THE FUND.

1-12-103. Contributions.

(A) **Prerequisites.** BEFORE RAISING ANY CONTRIBUTION GOVERNED BY THIS TITLE, AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL:

(1) FILE NOTICE OF INTENT WITH THE BOARD ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15 OF THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD; AND

(2) ESTABLISH A PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPENDING FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE.

(B) **Limitation on contributions and loans.**

(1) OTHER THAN A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE OR THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE, AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE MAY NOT ACCEPT AN ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL GREATER THAN \$250.

(2) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE MAY NOT ACCEPT A LOAN FROM ANYONE OTHER THAN THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE OR THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE.

(3) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE AND THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE MAY NOT CONTRIBUTE OR LEND A COMBINED TOTAL OF MORE THAN \$12,000 TO THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

(C) **Consumer Price Index adjustment.** BY MARCH 1, 2026, AND THEN BY MARCH 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT FOURTH YEAR, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SHALL ADJUST THE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (B), TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026, AND THEN JULY 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT FOURTH YEAR, BY THE AVERAGE OF THE ANNUAL INCREASE, IF ANY, IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE PREVIOUS FOUR CALENDAR YEARS. THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SHALL CALCULATE THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE NEAREST MULTIPLE OF \$10, AND SHALL PUBLISH THE AMOUNT OF THE ADJUSTMENT NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2026, AND THEN NO LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT FOURTH YEAR.

1-12-104. Requirements for certification.

(A) **Qualification.** TO QUALIFY AS A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE:

(1) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL COLLECT FROM COUNTY RESIDENTS AT LEAST:

(I) 500 QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS; AND

(II) AN AGGREGATE TOTAL OF \$40,000; AND

(2) AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMEMBER SHALL COLLECT FROM COUNTY RESIDENTS AT LEAST:

(I) 75 QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS; AND

(II) AN AGGREGATE TOTAL OF \$7,500.

1 (B) **Receipt of funds.** AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL DEPOSIT ALL ELIGIBLE
2 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED INTO THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY FUNDED
3 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT. AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL DELIVER TO THE BOARD A COPY
4 OF A RECEIPT FOR EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.
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6 (C) **Certification.** A APPLICANT CANDIDATE SHALL APPLY TO THE BOARD FOR
7 CERTIFICATION DURING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD.
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9 **1-12-105. Board determination.**
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11 (A) **Board certifications.** THE BOARD SHALL CERTIFY AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE IF
12 THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE HAS RECEIVED THE REQUIRED
13 NUMBER OF QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE REQUIRED AGGREGATE TOTAL
14 DOLLARS FOR THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 10 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING:
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16 (1) A DECLARATION FROM THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE AGREEING TO FOLLOW THE
17 REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION;
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19 (2) A CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT THAT INCLUDES:
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21 (I) A LIST OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED;
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23 (II) A LIST OF EACH EXPENDITURE MADE BY THE APPLICANT CANDIDATE
24 DURING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD;
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26 (III) THE RECEIPT ASSOCIATED WITH EACH CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE;
27 AND
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29 (3) A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR A COVERED OFFICE.
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31 (B) **Application.** A CANDIDATE MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FOR
32 CERTIFICATION FOR ANY ELECTION. AN APPLICANT CANDIDATE MAY CORRECT ANY
33 MISTAKES IN THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION WITHIN THE EARLIER OF:
34

35 (1) 10 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE THAT THE BOARD DENIED THE
36 APPLICATION; OR
37

38 (2) THE END OF THE QUALIFYING PERIOD.
39

40 (C) **Decision final.** AFTER THE TIMING FOR CORRECTIONS HAS PASSED, THE DECISION
41 BY THE BOARD TO CERTIFY A CANDIDATE IS FINAL.
42

43 (D) **Authorization for disbursement of funds.** IF THE BOARD CERTIFIES A
44 CANDIDATE, THE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE THE CONTROLLER TO DISBURSE A PUBLIC
45 CONTRIBUTION TO THE CERTIFIED CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN
46 ACCOUNT.
47

48 **1-12-106. Disbursements of public contribution.**
49

50 (A) **Amount of disbursements.** THE CONTROLLER SHALL DISBURSE A PUBLIC
51 CONTRIBUTION FROM THE FUND TO EACH CERTIFIED CANDIDATE IN A CONTESTED
52 ELECTION ONLY DURING THE DISBURSEMENT PERIOD AS FOLLOWS:
53

54 (1) FOR A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE MATCHING
55 DOLLARS SHALL EQUAL:

1 (I) \$6 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE
2 FIRST \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION;
3

4 (II) \$4 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE
5 SECOND \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION; AND
6

7 (III) \$2 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR
8 THE THIRD \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.
9

10 (2) FOR A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL, THE MATCHING DOLLARS
11 SHALL EQUAL:
12

13 (I) \$4 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE
14 FIRST \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION;
15

16 (II) \$3 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE
17 SECOND \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION; AND
18

19 (III) \$2 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR
20 THE THIRD \$50 OF EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.
21

22 (3) THE TOTAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE TO A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR
23 AN ELECTION CYCLE MAY NOT EXCEED:
24

25 (I) \$750,000 FOR A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE; AND
26

27 (II) \$125,000 FOR A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL.
28

29 (B) **Limitation.** THE CONTROLLER MAY NOT DISBURSE MATCHING DOLLARS FROM
30 THE FUND TO A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR:
31

32 (1) A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE CANDIDATE OR THE CANDIDATE'S SPOUSE; OR
33

34 (2) AN IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY, GOODS, OR SERVICES.
35

36 (C) **Qualifying contributions.** A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE MAY CONTINUE TO COLLECT
37 QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECEIVE A MATCHING PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION UP TO
38 THE PRIMARY ELECTION OR, IF THE CERTIFIED CANDIDATE ADVANCES, THE GENERAL
39 ELECTION. A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$250 FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL
40 IN THE AGGREGATE DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE.
41

42 (D) **Annual review of fund balance.** ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF THE YEAR PRECEDING
43 A PRIMARY ELECTION, THE CONTROLLER SHALL DETERMINE IF THE AMOUNT IN THE FUND
44 IS SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE MAXIMUM PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS REASONABLY EXPECTED
45 TO BE REQUIRED DURING THE NEXT ELECTION CYCLE. IF THE CONTROLLER DETERMINES
46 THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT IN THE FUND IS INSUFFICIENT
47 TO MEET THE ALLOCATIONS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, THE CONTROLLER SHALL
48 REDUCE EACH PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE BASED ON THE RATIO
49 OF THE AMOUNT IN THE FUND TO THE MAXIMUM PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS REASONABLY
50 EXPECTED TO BE REQUIRED.
51

52 (E) **Continued disbursement to certified candidates.** WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS
53 AFTER THE BOARD CERTIFIES THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION, THE BOARD
54 SHALL AUTHORIZE THE CONTROLLER TO CONTINUE TO DISBURSE THE APPROPRIATE
55 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO EACH CERTIFIED CANDIDATE
56 WHO IS CERTIFIED TO BE ON THE BALLOT FOR A CONTESTED ELECTION IN THE GENERAL
57 ELECTION.

1 **(F) Nomination by petition.** A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE NOMINATED BY PETITION MAY
2 RECEIVE A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FOR A CONTESTED ELECTION IN THE GENERAL
3 ELECTION IF:

4
5 (1) THE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION IS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD; AND

6
7 (2) THE CANDIDATE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION.
8

9 **(G) Proof of qualifying contributions.** A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL SUBMIT
10 A RECEIPT FOR EACH QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION TO THE BOARD TO RECEIVE A PUBLIC
11 CONTRIBUTION. THE CONTROLLER SHALL DISBURSE THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC
12 CONTRIBUTION INTO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN
13 ACCOUNT WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE PUBLIC
14 CONTRIBUTION.
15

16 **(H) General election contributions.** A CANDIDATE MAY RECEIVE A PUBLIC
17 CONTRIBUTION DURING THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION
18 RECEIVED DURING THE PRIMARY ELECTION AFTER THE CANDIDATE HAS RECEIVED THE
19 MAXIMUM PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION IF THE CANDIDATE IS
20 OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE GENERAL
21 ELECTION.
22

23 **(I) Participating candidates not certified to be on ballot.** WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE
24 COUNTY BOARD CERTIFIES THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION, A PARTICIPATING
25 CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT CERTIFIED TO BE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
26 SHALL RETURN ANY UNSPENT FUNDS IN THE CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN
27 ACCOUNT TO THE CONTROLLER FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND.
28

29 **(J) Repayment of funds mistakenly disbursed.** IF THE CONTROLLER MISTAKENLY
30 DISBURSES A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION TO A CANDIDATE GREATER THAN THE CANDIDATE
31 WAS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE, THE CANDIDATE SHALL REPAY THE FUNDS MISTAKENLY
32 DISBURSED WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER BEING NOTIFIED OF THE MISTAKE. ANY
33 UNSPENT FUNDS RETURNED BY A CANDIDATE TO THE CONTROLLER AFTER AN ELECTION
34 MAY BE USED AS A CREDIT AGAINST ANY REPAYMENT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC
35 CONTRIBUTIONS MISTAKENLY DISBURSED TO THE CANDIDATE.
36

37 **(K) Consumer Price Index adjustment.** BY MARCH 1 2026, AND THEN BY MARCH 1 OF
38 EACH SUBSEQUENT FOURTH YEAR, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SHALL ADJUST
39 THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION LIMITS ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (A)(3) AND THE
40 ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (C), TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY
41 1, 2026, AND THEN JULY 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT FOURTH YEAR, BY THE AVERAGE OF THE
42 ANNUAL INCREASE, IF ANY, IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE PREVIOUS FOUR
43 CALENDAR YEARS. THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SHALL CALCULATE THE
44 ADJUSTMENT TO THE NEAREST MULTIPLE OF \$10, AND SHALL PUBLISH THE AMOUNT OF
45 THIS ADJUSTMENT NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2026, AND THEN NO LATER THAN MARCH 1
46 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT FOURTH YEAR.
47

48 **1-12-107. Use of public contribution.**

49

50 **(A) Expenses incurred during election.** A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY ONLY
51 USE QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS AND PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EXPENSES
52 INCURRED FOR A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION. A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY
53 NOT PAY IN ADVANCE FOR GOODS AND SERVICES TO BE USED AFTER CERTIFICATION
54 WITH NON-QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BEFORE APPLYING FOR
55 CERTIFICATION.

1 (B) **Complaints.** A COMPLAINT ALLEGING AN IMPERMISSIBLE RECEIPT OR USE OF
2 FUNDS BY A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD.
3

4 (C) **Access to financial records.** A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL PROVIDE THE
5 BOARD WITH REASONABLE ACCESS TO THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE CANDIDATE'S
6 PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT UPON REQUEST.
7

8 (D) **Return of public contributions.** WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE BOARD CERTIFIES
9 THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL RETURN
10 ANY UNSPENT FUNDS IN THE CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT TO
11 THE CONTROLLER FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND.
12

13 **1-12-108. Withdrawal.**
14

15 (A) **When allowed.** A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY WITHDRAW AN APPLICATION
16 FOR A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION ANY TIME BEFORE THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION IS
17 DISBURSED TO THE CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.
18

19 (B) **Process for withdrawal.** A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM
20 PARTICIPATION, IF THE CANDIDATE:
21

22 (1) FILES A STATEMENT WITH THE BOARD; AND
23

24 (2) REPAYS THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED,
25 TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICABLE INTEREST ESTABLISHED BY REGULATION, TO THE
26 CONTROLLER FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND.
27

28 **1-12-109. Applicant and participating candidate restrictions.**
29

30 AN APPLICANT, CERTIFIED, OR PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY NOT:
31

32 (1) ACCEPT A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION FROM A GROUP OR ORGANIZATION,
33 INCLUDING A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, A CORPORATION, A LABOR ORGANIZATION,
34 OR A STATE OR LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY;
35

36 (2) ACCEPT A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IN AN AGGREGATE
37 GREATER THAN \$250, OR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AN ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTION, AS
38 ADJUSTED BY § 1-12-106(D), DURING A FOUR YEAR ELECTION CYCLE;
39

40 (3) AFTER FILING A NOTICE OF INTENT WITH THE BOARD TO SEEK PUBLIC
41 CONTRIBUTIONS, PAY FOR ANY CAMPAIGN EXPENSE WITH ANY CAMPAIGN FINANCE
42 ACCOUNT OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT;
43

44 (4) BE A MEMBER OF A SLATE IN ANY ELECTION IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE
45 RECEIVES A PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION;
46

47 (5) TRANSFER FUNDS:
48

49 (I) TO THE CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FROM ANY
50 OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY ESTABLISHED FOR THE CANDIDATE; OR
51

52 (II) FROM THE CANDIDATE'S PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT TO ANY
53 OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY.

1 **1-12-110. Public Campaign Financing System Commission.**

2
3 (A) **Created.** THERE IS A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM COMMISSION. THE
4 COMMISSION CONSISTS OF ONE MEMBER FROM EACH COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT
5 APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL, AND TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
6 EXECUTIVE. A MEMBER SHALL SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM. A MEMBER SHALL CONTINUE
7 TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED. A VACANCY OCCURRING BEFORE THE END
8 OF A TERM SHALL BE FILLED IN THE MANNER OF THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT FOR THE
9 REMAINDER OF A TERM.
10

11 (B) **Composition.** EACH MEMBER SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY WHILE
12 SERVING ON THE COMMISSION. NO MORE THAN FIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE OF THE SAME
13 POLITICAL PARTY. THE COMMISSION SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.
14

15 (C) **Compensation.** EACH MEMBER SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BUT MAY
16 BE REIMBURSED FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION AND
17 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET.
18

19 (D) **Reports.** THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL NO LATER
20 THAN 180 DAYS PRIOR TO THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATING THE FUNDS
21 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM AND
22 RECOMMENDING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND FOR
23 THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR.
24

25 **1-12-111. Funding for the Public Campaign Financing Fund.**

26
27 (A) **Annual Funding.** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C), IN EACH FISCAL YEAR,
28 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
29 ORDINANCE THE AMOUNT CALCULATED BY THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM
30 COMMISSION AS NECESSARY TO FULLY FUND THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM
31 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.
32

33 (B) **Exception.** THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE IS NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE THE AMOUNT
34 CALCULATED BY THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM COMMISSION AS
35 NECESSARY TO FULLY FUND THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL
36 YEAR IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IF:
37

38 (1) IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, FUNDS HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING
39 TRANSFERRED FROM THE REVENUE RESERVE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND PURSUANT TO
40 § 4-11-106 OF THIS CODE; OR
41

42 (2) NOT LATER THAN 120 DAYS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, THE
43 COUNTY EXECUTIVE CERTIFIES TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL THAT THE COUNTY'S FISCAL
44 CONDITION MAKES IT IMPRUDENT TO INCLUDE THE FULL AMOUNT CALCULATED BY THE
45 PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM COMMISSION AS NECESSARY TO FULLY FUND THE
46 PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, AND THE COUNTY
47 COUNCIL APPROVES THE CERTIFICATION BY A VOTE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE MEMBERS.
48

49 (C) **Public Campaign Financing Fund.** FUNDS TO FINANCE THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN
50 FINANCING SYSTEM INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
51 ORDINANCE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN AND DISBURSED FROM THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN
52 FINANCING FUND.
53

54 (D) **Staffing.** THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAY PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE
55 COMMISSION.

1 **1-12-112. Violations.**

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3 ANY VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE IS A CLASS B CIVIL OFFENSE SUBJECT TO § 9-2-101 OF
4 THIS CODE. EACH DAY A VIOLATION EXISTS IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

5

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

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

RES. NUMBER: 25-23

INTRO. DATE: April 17, 2023

FISCAL NOTE

**RESOLUTION: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING: GENERAL PROVISIONS –
PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING**

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this legislation is to create the Public Campaign Financing Fund, provide eligibility rules for certain candidates for use of public campaign financing, provide regulations for disbursement of public campaign finance funds, and create a Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Financing Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact will be determined by the number of certified candidates and amount of eligible contributions in each eligible election. This legislation establishes a cap of \$750,000 for County Executive candidates and \$125,000 for County Council candidates per election cycle.

Exhibit 1 shows how each eligible contribution will be matched based on a tiered structure up to \$150. Please note that qualifying contributions have a cap of \$250, with the first \$150 having a match.

Exhibit 1 – Disbursement Table Example

County Executive - \$250 Contribution			
Match Ratio	Contribution	Fund Match	Total
6:1 - First \$50	50	300	350
4:1 - Second \$50	50	200	250
2:1 - Third \$50	50	100	150
No Match > \$150-\$250	100	0	100
Total	250	600	850

County Council - \$250 Contribution			
Match Ratio	Contribution	Fund Match	Total
4:1 - First \$50	50	200	250
3:1 - Second \$50	50	150	200
2:1 - Third \$50	50	100	150
No Match > \$150-\$250	100	0	100
Total	250	450	700

For illustrative purposes, Exhibit 2 illustrates one scenario in which a candidate would hit the cap on public contributions per election cycle:

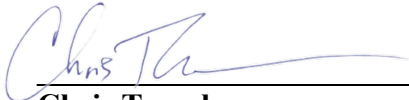
Exhibit 2 – Public Contribution Cap Example

County Executive - Cap Scenario			
Match Ratio	Amount	# of Contributions	Total
6:1 - First \$50	50	1,600	480,000
4:1 - Second \$50	50	1,000	200,000
2:1 - Third \$50	50	700	70,000
Total			750,000

County Council - Cap Scenario			
Match Ratio	Amount	# of Contributions	Total
4:1 - First \$50	50	350	70,000
3:1 - Second \$50	50	250	37,500
2:1 - Third \$50	50	175	17,500
Total			125,000

Several Maryland counties have existing public financing systems established. Montgomery County's 2022 primary election distributed \$3,458,572 to 20 candidates (with a similar cap structure as this legislation proposes). As of November 30, 2022 Montgomery County's 2022 general election distributed \$233,514 to 8 candidates. As of November 30, 2022 Howard County has disbursed \$914,713 from their comparable public financing fund. While used for comparison purposes both Montgomery County and Howard County are structurally different than Anne Arundel County. Montgomery County has four more Council seats (four at large) and Howard County only contains 5 Council seats.

As the number of certified candidates and contributions are unknown for future elections, a precise fiscal impact cannot be reliably determined. If all candidates in Anne Arundel County's 2022 primary and general elections had utilized the proposed public financing system to its maximum potential, the cost would have been approximately \$8.4 million. However, given the results in the Maryland counties that have implemented public financing, the actual disbursement of these funds are anticipated to be significantly lower. The Budget Office estimates the total county cost for the next election cycle to be \$2 – 3 million.


Chris Trumbauer
Budget Officer

4/13/2023

Date

Prepared by: Steven Theroux, Assistant Budget Officer

cc: Billie Penley, Controller

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 10-23

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Fiedler, and Mr. Volke

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

1 RESOLUTION recognizing National Therapy Animal Day in Anne Arundel County

2
3 WHEREAS, there is a growing body of research that demonstrates the many ways
4 in which therapy animals make a difference in our lives, including improving
5 mental wellness by decreasing fear, anxiety, loneliness, and isolation, influencing
6 physical health by lowering perceived levels of pain and shortening recovery times,
7 and even influencing those who are ill to have a more positive outlook about their
8 future; and

9
10 WHEREAS, therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such
11 as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and hospice facilities; and

12
13 WHEREAS, therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our
14 community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy
15 challenges, and those approaching end of life; and

16
17 WHEREAS, these exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human
18 companions bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

19
20 WHEREAS, therapy animal teams in Anne Arundel County play an essential role
21 in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

22
23 WHEREAS, Pet Partners is a national leader in demonstrating and promoting the
24 health and wellness benefits of animal-assisted therapy, activities, and education
25 and there are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serving in
26 communities across the United States; and

27
28 WHEREAS, Pet Partners has designated April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day;
29 now, therefore, be it

30
31 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
32 encourages Anne Arundel County to celebrate therapy animals and their human handlers
33 and salutes the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities
34 across the nation; and be it further

35
36 *Resolved,* That the County Council hereby recognizes April 30, 2023 as National
37 Therapy Animal Day in Anne Arundel County.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 11-23

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Ms. Pickard, and Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

1 RESOLUTION nominating a member to serve on the Anne Arundel County Ethics
2 Commission

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4 WHEREAS, Section 1001 of the County Charter establishes the Anne Arundel
5 County Ethics Commission to consist of seven members who are appointed by the
6 County Executive with the approval of the County Council; and

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8 WHEREAS, Section 1001 states that, of the seven members of the Ethics
9 Commission, no more than four members shall be members of the same political
10 party; and

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12 WHEREAS, Section 1001 further states that three members appointed by the
13 County Executive shall first be nominated by the County Council; and

14
15 WHEREAS, Section 1001 further states that the term of each member is four years
16 and that no member may serve more than two consecutive terms; and

17
18 WHEREAS, the second term of a member who was nominated by the County
19 Council and appointed by the County Executive will expire on April 30, 2023; and

20
21 WHEREAS, under the County Charter the County Council must nominate a
22 member to be appointed by the County Executive to serve on the Ethics
23 Commission for a four year term; now, therefore, be it

24
25 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
26 approves the nomination of Donna L. Rober (Unaffiliated) to serve as a member of the
27 Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission for a first term expiring on April 30, 2027; and
28 be it further

29
30 *Resolved,* That the County Council respectfully requests the County Executive to
31 appoint Donna L. Rober (Unaffiliated) to the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission to
32 serve a first term that expires on April 30, 2027; and be it further

33
34 *Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to Steuart Pittman, County Executive;
35 Michael Botsaris, Executive Director, Ethics Commission; Donna L. Rober, nominee; and
36 Kaley Schultze, Boards and Commissions Coordinator.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 12-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

1 RESOLUTION confirming a nomination to the Board of Trustees of The Public
2 Library Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Incorporated

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4 WHEREAS, pursuant to its Eighteenth Amendment and Complete Restatement of
5 the Bylaws dated February 17, 2022 (the “Bylaws”), the Board of Trustees of The
6 Public Library Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Incorporated
7 (“AACPL”) includes up to eight members who are nominated by the County
8 Executive and confirmed by resolution of the County Council for presentation to
9 and appointment by the Board of Trustees; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Bylaws further provide that seven of the eight members nominated
12 by the County Executive and confirmed by resolution of the County Council shall
13 represent each of the County’s councilmanic districts, and the eighth member shall
14 be at large; and

15
16 WHEREAS, as stated in the Bylaws, the term of a member of the AACPL Board
17 of Trustees is 3 years; and

18
19 WHEREAS, as stated in the Bylaws, any new trustee filling the seat of a trustee
20 who resigns shall serve out the term of the resigning trustee and thereafter may
21 serve no more than three consecutive 3-year terms; and

22
23 WHEREAS, M. Brooke Toomey, appointed to serve as the member of the AACPL
24 Board of Trustees from Councilmanic District 5 for a term of 3 years ending June
25 19, 2025, has resigned; and

26
27 WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Noah Comet, a resident of
28 Councilmanic District 5, to serve as the member of the AACPL Board of Trustees
29 from Councilmanic District 5 for the remainder of the term expiring June 19, 2025,
30 beginning upon final appointment by the AACPL Board of Trustees; and

31
32 WHEREAS, the County Council finds that Noah Comet meets the eligibility
33 requirements and is qualified to serve on the AACPL Board of Trustees; now,
34 therefore, be it

35
36 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it confirms*
37 the nomination of Noah Comet, a resident of Councilmanic District 5, to serve as the
38 member of the AACPL Board of Trustees from Councilmanic District 5 for the remainder

1 of the term expiring June 19, 2025, beginning upon final appointment by the AACPL Board
2 of Trustees; and be it further

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4 *Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Steuart Pittman, County Executive;
5 Christopher B. Nelson, Chair, AACPL Board of Trustees; Noah Comet, nominee; Christine
6 Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer; and Kaley Schultze, Boards and Commissions
7 Coordinator.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 13-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

1 RESOLUTION approving the submission of a name for the Property Tax Assessment
2 Appeal Board

3
4 WHEREAS, § 3-102 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of
5 Maryland provides that there shall be a Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board in
6 Anne Arundel County; and

7
8 WHEREAS, § 3-103 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of
9 Maryland provides that the Board members shall be appointed by the Governor
10 from a list of qualified applicants submitted by the County Executive with the
11 approval of the County Council; and

12
13 WHEREAS, the Board consists of three regular members and three alternate
14 members, each serving a term of 5 years beginning on June 1 of the year of
15 appointment; and

16
17 WHEREAS, a vacancy will exist on June 1, 2023, when the term of Jeffrey L.
18 Jefferson, a regular member, will expire; and

19
20 WHEREAS, § 3-103 of the Tax-Property Article provides that a list of three names
21 for each vacancy shall be submitted to the Governor; and

22
23 WHEREAS, there has not been sufficient interest in the upcoming vacant position
24 to result in the submission of three names for the vacancy; and

25
26 WHEREAS, the County Executive, subject to the approval of the County Council,
27 has submitted the name of the following individual to fill the vacancy for the regular
28 member: Jeffrey L. Jefferson, incumbent; and

29
30 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
31 approves the submittal of the name of the following individual to the Governor as a
32 qualified applicant to be a regular member of the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board
33 to serve the term ending June 1, 2028: Jeffrey L. Jefferson, incumbent; and be it further

34
35 *Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman;
36 and Kaley Schultze, Boards and Commissions Coordinator.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 14-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

1 RESOLUTION confirming the appointments of members to serve on the Personnel
2 Board for Anne Arundel County

3
4 WHEREAS, Section 520 of the Charter of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,
5 provides that there shall be a Personnel Board consisting of five qualified voters
6 appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by resolution of the County
7 Council; and

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9 WHEREAS, Section 520 of the Charter provides that the terms of the members are
10 coterminous with that of the County Executive, that a member shall serve until a
11 successor is appointed and qualified, and that vacancies shall be filled for the
12 unexpired term in the manner of original appointment; and

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14 WHEREAS, the County Executive, subject to the confirmation by the County
15 Council, has appointed Beverly Swaim-Staley and Jonathan Martin, qualified
16 voters, to serve terms that expire on December 6, 2026; and

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18 WHEREAS, the County Council finds that Beverly Swaim-Staley and Jonathan
19 Martin meet the eligibility requirements under Section 520 of the Charter of Anne
20 Arundel County, Maryland, and are qualified to serve on the Personnel Board; now,
21 therefore, be it

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23 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
24 approves the appointments to the Personnel Board of Beverly Swaim-Staley and Jonathan
25 Martin, qualified voters, to terms that expire on December 6, 2026; and be it further

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27 *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman;
28 Beverly Swaim-Staley and Jonathan Martin, appointees; and Kaley Schultze, Boards and
29 Commissions Coordinator.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 15-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

1 RESOLUTION reappointing a member to the Anne Arundel County Ethics
2 Commission

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4 WHEREAS, Section 1001 of the County Charter establishes the Anne Arundel
5 County Ethics Commission, whose members are appointed by the County
6 Executive with the approval of the County Council; and

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8 WHEREAS, Section 1001 states that the Ethics Commission has seven members,
9 of which no more than four members shall be members of the same political party;
10 and

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12 WHEREAS, the term of Dale P. Kelberman (Democrat), one of the current
13 members of the Ethics Commission appointed by the County Executive, expires on
14 April 30, 2023; and

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16 WHEREAS, the County Executive, subject to the approval of the County Council,
17 has reappointed Dale P. Kelberman (Democrat) to serve as a member of the Ethics
18 Commission for a term expiring on April 30, 2027; and

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20 WHEREAS, the County Council, after public hearing, has found Dale P.
21 Kelberman to be qualified under Section 1001 of the Charter to serve on the Ethics
22 Commission; now, therefore, be it

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24 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
25 approves the reappointment of Dale P. Kelberman to the Anne Arundel County Ethics
26 Commission to serve a term expiring on April 30, 2027; and be it further

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28 *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Steuart Pittman, County Executive;
29 Michael S. Botsaris, Executive Director, Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission; Dale
30 P. Kelberman, appointee; Christine Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer; and Kaley
31 Schultze, Boards and Commissions Coordinator.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 16-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

1 RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of the Executive Director of the Police
2 Accountability Board

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4 WHEREAS, § 3-7A-108(b)(1) of the County Code, provides that there shall be an
5 Executive Director of the County's Police Accountability Board who is appointed
6 by the County Executive and confirmed by resolution of the County Council; and

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8 WHEREAS, § 3-7A-108(b)(1) further provides that the Executive Director shall be
9 an attorney in good standing in the State of Maryland and shall have at least 3 years
10 of relevant experience; and

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12 WHEREAS, the County Executive has appointed Moyah Panda as the Executive
13 Director of the County's Police Accountability Board; and

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15 WHEREAS, the County Council finds that the County Executive's appointee meets
16 the eligibility requirements of § 3-7A-108(b)(1), and is qualified to serve as the
17 Executive Director of the Police Accountability Board; now, therefore, be it

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19 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it confirms
20 that appointment of Moyah Panda as the Executive Director of the Police Accountability
21 Board; and be it further

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23 *Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman
24 and City of Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley.

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

RES. NUMBER: 16-23

INTRO. DATE: April 17, 2023

FISCAL NOTE

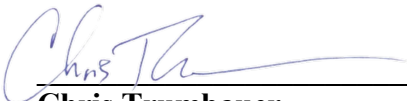
**RESOLUTION: CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD.**

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this legislation is to confirm the appointment of the Executive Director of the Police Accountability Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

This resolution fills an existing vacant position, therefore there is no fiscal impact.



Chris Trumbauer
Budget Officer

4/12/2023

Date

Prepared by: Samantha Chiriaco, Budget Analyst

cc: Billie Penley, Controller

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 13-23, AS AMENDED
(Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting)

April 17, 2023

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

Amendment No. 23

On page 3 of the amended bill, after line 50, insert:

“(C) **Park events.** A SPECIAL EVENT HELD ON PUBLIC PROPERTY MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, OR CONDUCTED IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE UNLESS THE SPECIAL EVENT MEETS THE CONDITION DESCRIBED IN § 11-11-101(11)(I)2.”.

(This amendment exempts a special event held on property managed by or conducted along with the Department of Recreation and Parks from the requirement to obtain a special event permit when certain traffic impacts included as a part of the definition of “special event” will occur.)

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 13-23, AS AMENDED
(Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting)

April 17, 2023

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

and by Ms. Fiedler

Amendment No. 24

On page 6 of the amended bill, in line 16, after the period insert “THE COUNTY SHALL MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE THE PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES’ SPECIAL EVENTS REGULATORY AND AGENCY SPECIFIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, BASED ON BEST PRACTICES AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED PUBLIC SAFETY STANDARDS. THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES SHALL ANNUALLY EVALUATE CURRENT REGULATORY AND AGENCY SPECIFIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AGAINST EVOLVING THREATS AND CHANGES IN BEST PRACTICES AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED PUBLIC SAFETY STANDARDS.”.

(This amendment requires the County to make available to the public any best management practices and public safety standards used to determine the required staffing for special events; and requires an annual evaluation of the practices and standards.)

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 13-23, AS AMENDED
(Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting)

April 17, 2023

Introduced by Ms. Leadbetter and Mr. Volke

Amendment No. 25

On page 3 of the amended bill, in line 31, strike “OR”; and in line 34, after “CODE” insert “: OR

6. AN ACTIVITY AT A PRIVATE MARINA”.

(The amendment excludes from the definition of “special events” an activity at a private marina.)

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 13-23, AS AMENDED
(Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting)

April 17, 2023

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien and Mr. Volke

Amendment No. 26

On page 3 of the amended bill, in line 31, strike “OR”; and in line 34, after “CODE” insert “; OR

6. THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR”.

On page 7, in line 4, after “FESTIVAL” insert “OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR”; in line 6, strike “OR” and substitute a comma; in the same line, after “FESTIVAL” insert “, OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR”; in lines 15, 16, 18, 33, 36, 38, 41, and 42, in each instance, after “FESTIVAL” insert “OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR”; in lines 45 and 48, in each instance, strike “OR A RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL” and substitute “, A RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR”; and in line 46, after “FESTIVAL” insert “OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR”.

(The amendment excludes from the definition of “special events” the Anne Arundel County Fair; and requires the organizer of the Anne Arundel County Fair to pay a special service charge.)

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 13-23, AS AMENDED
(Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting)

April 17, 2023

Introduced by Mr. Volke

Amendment No. 27

On page 3 of the amended bill, in line 31, strike “OR”; and in line 34, after “CODE” insert “: OR

6. AN EVENT OR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY OF AN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY”.

(The amendment excludes from the definition of “special events” an event or fundraising activity of an Anne Arundel County volunteer fire company.)

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 19-23, AS AMENDED
(Public Safety – Ban the Bag Act of Anne Arundel County)

April 17, 2023

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien and Ms. Fiedler

Amendment No. 7

On page 1 of the amended bill, in line 4, after “of” insert “certain”.

On page 2, after line 51, insert:

“(1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY.”;

in line 53, strike “(1)” and substitute “(2)”; and in the same line, strike “(2) and (3)” and substitute “(3) and (4)”.

On page 3, in lines 1, 5, 8, 18, and 23, strike “(2)”, “(3)”, “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, and “(7)”, respectively.

(This amendment excludes food service facilities from the requirement to charge at least 10 cents for each paper carryout bag and reusable bag that it provides to a customer.)

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 19-23, AS AMENDED
(Public Safety – Ban the Bag Act of Anne Arundel County)

April 17, 2023

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien and Mr. Smith

Amendment No. 8

On page 1 of the amended bill, in line 4, after the second semicolon insert “requiring an example of a notice required by retail establishments to be posted on the County website;”.

On page 2, in line 51, strike “**of retail establishments**”.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 12 through 16, inclusive, and substitute:

“(II) THE NOTICES SHALL BE POSTED AT THE PUBLIC ENTRANCE TO THE RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT OR AT EACH POINT OF SALE AND SHALL BE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH. THE COUNTY SHALL POST AN EXAMPLE OF THE NOTICE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE.”.

(This amendment requires a retail establishment to post notices at the public entrance to the establishment or at each point of sale that advises customers to bring or purchase a carryout bag; requires the notices to be in English and Spanish; and requires the County to post an example of the notice to be used by retail establishments on the County’s website.)