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COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 4

Bill No. 19-21

Introduced by Mr. Volke and Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, February 16, 2021

Introduced and first read on February 16, 2021
Public Hearing set for and held on March 15, 2021
Bill Expires May 22, 2021

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Crimes, Civil Offenses, and Fines – Crimes – Littering

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3 FOR the purpose of adding a definition of “litter”; prohibiting littering; establishing
4 sanctions for violations; and generally relating to crimes, civil offenses, and fines.

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6 BY renumbering: §§ 9-1-703 through 9-1-711, respectively, to be §§ 9-1-704 through 9-1-
7 712, respectively
8 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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10 BY adding: § 9-1-703
11 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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13 WHEREAS, trash is one of the most pervasive and visible pollutants in Anne
14 Arundel County; and

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16 WHEREAS, litter causes a range of economic and environmental problems, from
17 reducing property values to killing wildlife and releasing a number of harmful
18 chemicals and byproducts into our environment and waterways; and

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20 WHEREAS, in 2020 the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 77 and
21 Senate Bill 60 authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to adopt an
22 ordinance to prohibit littering and impose criminal and civil penalties for violations;
23 and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter repealed from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

1 WHEREAS, giving Anne Arundel County the power to combat littering would be
2 a significant step towards protecting Anne Arundel County and making it the best
3 place; now, therefore

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5 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
6 That §§ 9-1-703 through 9-1-711, respectively, of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005,
7 as amended) are hereby renumbered to be §§ 9-1-704 through 9-1-712, respectively.

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

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12 **ARTICLE 9. CRIMES, CIVIL OFFENSES, AND FINES**

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14 **TITLE 1. CRIMES**

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16 **9-1-703. Littering.**

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18 (A) **Definition.** IN THIS SECTION, "LITTER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10-110 OF
19 THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE OF THE STATE CODE.

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21 (B) **Prohibitions.** A PERSON MAY NOT:

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23 (1) DISPOSE OF LITTER ON A COUNTY ROAD OR VIOLATE STATE VEHICLE LAWS
24 REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF LITTER, GLASS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES ON
25 ROADS; OR

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27 (2) DISPOSE OF OR CAUSE TO ALLOW THE DISPOSAL OF LITTER ON PUBLIC OR
28 PRIVATE PROPERTY UNLESS:

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30 (I) THE PROPERTY IS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE, A UNIT OF THE STATE, OR A
31 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF LITTER AND THE PERSON IS
32 AUTHORIZED BY THE PROPER PUBLIC AUTHORITY TO USE THE PROPERTY; OR

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34 (II) THE LITTER IS PLACED INTO A GARBAGE OR SOLID WASTE RECEPTACLE OR
35 CONTAINER ON THE PROPERTY.

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37 (C) **Violations.** A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT
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40 (1) A CIVIL FINE FOR A CLASS D CIVIL OFFENSE; OR

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42 (2) THE PENALTIES SET FORTH IN § 10-110 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE OF THE
43 STATE CODE.

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

READ AND PASSED this 15th day of March, 2021

By Order:



Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 16th day of March, 2021



Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 19th day of March, 2021



Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 3, 2021

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BILL NO. 19-21. THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE
FILES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.



Laura Corby
Administrative Officer