

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2016, Legislative Day No. 1

Bill No. 3-16

Introduced by Mr. Walker

By the County Council, January 4, 2016

Introduced and first read on January 4, 2016
Public Hearing set for February 1, 2016
Bill Expires April 8, 2016

By Order: Elizabeth E. Jones, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Procedures for Complaint –
2 Reimbursement
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4 FOR the purpose of adding a provision to provide for reimbursement of attorney fees and
5 costs to a respondent in an ethics investigation where charges are dismissed for lack
6 of evidence or for violation of the confidentiality requirement; and generally related
7 to County Ethics laws
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9 BY adding: § 7-4-110
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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12 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County,*
13 *Maryland,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as
14 follows:
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ARTICLE 7. PUBLIC ETHICS

TITLE 4. PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINT

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20 **7-4-110. Respondent claim for reimbursement.** A RESPONDENT MAY SEEK
21 REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE COUNTY FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS INCURRED IN
22 DEFENDING A COMPLAINT THAT IS DISMISSED PURSUANT TO § 7-4-102(C) OR § 7-4-
23 106(A)(3).
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25 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance be construed to apply
26 retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to provide relief for an eligible

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 respondent who has a ethics complaint dismissed pursuant to §7-4-102(c) or § 7-4-
2 106(a)(3) on or after July 1, 2015.

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