

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 13

Bill No. 61-21

Introduced by Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, and Ms. Pickard

By the County Council, June 7, 2021

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Introduced and first read on June 7, 2021  
Public Hearing set for and held on July 6, 2021  
Bill AMENDED and VOTED on July 6, 2021  
Bill Expires on September 10, 2021

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Outdoor Lighting in Nonresidential and  
2 Residential Zoning Districts

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4 FOR the purpose of providing for the applicability of outdoor lighting provisions; adding  
5 the conditions for the installation of outdoor light fixtures on residentially zoned lots;  
6 making conforming changes; and generally relating to zoning.

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8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-3-201  
9 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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

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14 **ARTICLE 18. ZONING**

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16 **TITLE 3. PARKING, OUTDOOR LIGHTING, AND SIGNAGE**

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18 **18-3-201. Outdoor lighting.**

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20 (A) **Applicability.** THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO LIGHT FIXTURES ON PUBLIC  
21 STREETS OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

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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[[Brackets]] indicate matter repealed from existing law.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.  
Underlining indicates matter added to bill by amendment.  
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter removed from bill by amendment.

1        ~~[(a)]~~ (B) **Outdoor lighting in nonresidential zoning districts.** ~~[[Except as provided~~  
2 in subsection (b), outdoor]] OUTDOOR light fixtures in nonresidential zoning districts shall  
3 be located at least 25 feet from the boundary of any residential district, ~~[[~~  
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5        (b) **Exceptions.** ~~The]]~~ EXCEPT THAT THE Office of Planning and Zoning may approve  
6 a lesser setback ~~[[than is required by subsection (a)]]~~ upon the filing of an application that  
7 describes the type, location, lumen rating, and height of an outdoor lighting fixture and the  
8 reasons why a lesser setback should be allowed. Potential reasons for a lesser setback may  
9 include the following:

10            (1) fixtures will not be visible at any point along the boundaries of the lot on which  
11 they are located due to the location of buildings or walls, topography, or similar visual  
12 barriers;  
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14            (2) lighting will have minimal offsite impact due to the distance of the fixtures from  
15 roads and neighboring properties;  
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17            (3) fixtures will incorporate additional shielding or other features to prevent offsite  
18 impact; or  
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20            (4) lighting plans demonstrate other factors that will prevent glare and light  
21 spillover.  
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23        (C) **Outdoor lighting in residential zoning districts.** OUTDOOR LIGHT FIXTURES  
24 INSTALLED ON A RESIDENTIALLY ZONED LOT SHALL BE:  
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26            (1) ARRANGED TO DIRECT THE LIGHT DOWN TOWARDS THE PROPERTY ON WHICH  
27 THE LIGHT ~~FIXURE~~ FIXTURE IS LOCATED AND AWAY FROM ADJOINING RESIDENTIAL LOTS  
28 OR AIMED TO CONFINE THE LIGHT TO AN OBJECT, SUCH AS A FLAG OR LANDSCAPING; AND  
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30            (2) INSTALLED USING MOTION SENSING IF USED FOR SECURITY PURPOSES.  
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32        SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
33 from the date it becomes law.  
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: July 6, 2021

READ AND PASSED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021

By Order:



Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021



Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021



Steuart Pittman  
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 29, 2021

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF  
BILL NO. 61-21. THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE  
FILES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.



Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer