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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Kelly Phillips Kenney, Supervising County Attorney /s/

Date: January 19, 2021

Subject: Bill No. 14-21: Zoning and Construction Code – Setbacks and Permits for Certain Accessory Structures

Legislative Summary

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law at the request of Councilman Andrew Pruski for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 14-21. The summary is intended to explain the purposes and legal effects of the bill.

Purpose. The primary purpose of this Bill is to expand the size of accessory structures exempt from the requirement for a building permit.

Background. Currently, in § 105.2.1.1 of the County's Supplement to the International Building Code, one story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, do not require a building permit if the floor area does not exceed 64 square feet. The supplement provision modifies the International Building Code, which exempts an accessory structure that does not exceed 120 square feet from the building permit requirement.

Bill provisions. Section 105.2.1.1 is revised to change the size of an accessory structure exempt from the building permit requirement from 64 square feet to 150 square feet. Additionally, the front lot line setback for an accessory structure in the R5 Residential Zone is changed from 50 feet to 40 feet.

Section 3 provides that the Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Thank you very much.

Note: This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.