

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2018, Legislative Day No. 5

Resolution No. 6-18

Introduced by Mr. Peroutka, Chairman  
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, March 5, 2018

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED  
Charter Amendment – Legislative Procedure – Consistency – Comprehensive  
Zoning Bills

1 RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to  
2 add a provision requiring a comprehensive zoning bill and all amendments to be consistent  
3 with the County’s General Development Plan, as determined by the Planning and Zoning  
4 Officer

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6 *Be it resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the*  
7 *following amendment to the Anne Arundel County Charter is proposed for submission to*  
8 *the qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2018:*  
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10 **Article III. The Legislative Branch**

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12 **Sec. 307. Legislative procedure.**

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14 **(e) Procedure for Passing Ordinances.**

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16 (1) A proposed ordinance may be introduced by bill by any member of the Council  
17 on any legislative session-day of the Council. Not later than the next calendar day following  
18 the introduction of a bill the Chairman of the Council shall schedule a public hearing  
19 thereon which shall not be less than seven days after its introduction; providing that the  
20 Council may reject any ordinance on its introduction without a hearing by a vote of five  
21 members. The hearing may, but need not be, held on a legislative session-day and may be  
22 adjourned from time to time. After the public hearing as herein provided, a bill may be  
23 finally passed on a legislative session-day with or without amendment, except, that if any  
24 bill, other than one that levies a tax or assessment to fund the annual budget and  
25 appropriation ordinance, is amended before final passage and the amendment constitutes a  
26 change of substance, the bill shall not be passed until it is reprinted or reproduced as  
27 amended and a hearing shall be set thereon.

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

1           (2) The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to emergency  
2 ordinances and the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Anne Arundel County  
3 as defined in Section 709 of this Charter.

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5           (3) A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BILL MAY NOT BE PASSED UNLESS THE PLANNING  
6 AND ZONING OFFICER FIRST PROVIDES THE CHAIRMAN A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION THAT  
7 THE BILL AND ALL AMENDMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT  
8 PLAN, AS REQUIRED BY §1-303 AND §1-417 OF THE LAND USE ARTICLE OF THE STATE CODE.  
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10           *And be it further resolved,* That the following question is adopted for submittal to the  
11 qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2018 for their adoption  
12 or rejection:

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14           “To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to provide that the County Council may  
15 not pass a comprehensive zoning bill unless the Planning and Zoning Officer certifies in  
16 writing that the comprehensive zoning bill and all amendments are consistent with the  
17 General Development Plan.”

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19           *And be it further resolved,* That this question shall be designated as Question “\_\_” on  
20 the ballot at the General Election in November 2018.

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22           *And be it further resolved,* That if the majority of qualified votes cast in the election  
23 are for the Charter Amendment, this amendment shall stand adopted from and after the 30<sup>th</sup>  
24 day following the election.