



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW

Legislative Summary

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

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Subject: Bill No. 18-23 – Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 18-23.

Background

The County Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems, 2022, as amended (the “Plan”) was originally adopted by this Council in 2022. Any amendments to the plan must also be approved by the Council.

Purpose

The purpose of Bill No. 18-23 is to approve several amendments to the Plan that will apply to specific properties as shown in the Exhibits.

Bill No. 18-23

SECTION 1.

Three amendments to the Plan are set forth in this section. The first is to change the sewer service of the property shown on Exhibit A from Future Service to Planned Service.

The second and third changes both change the water service categories for two pieces of property as shown on Exhibits B and C from No Public Service to Planned Service and to adjust the water service area boundary for both properties from one pressure zone to another.

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

SECTIONS 2 AND 3.

These sections require that a certified copy of the Plan and map amendments be kept on file with the Administrative Officer to the County Council and the Office of Planning and Zoning (“OPZ”).

SECTION 4.

This section provides that the Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law or upon approval by the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE”), whichever is later. Section 9-507 of the Environment Article of the State Code requires that MDE approve or disapprove a proposed revision or amendment to the Plan. The County is required to have a Plan that is approved by MDE. (Md. Code Ann., Envir., § 9-503).

Consistent with the provisions in § 9-507, **Section 4** of the Ordinance also provides that, if the changes to the Plan are approved by MDE, in whole or in part, 45 days after the date it becomes law, the Ordinance shall take effect upon OPZ’s receipt of MDE’s approval. If the amendments are disapproved, in whole or in part, by MDE, the disapproved portions of the Ordinance become null and void without further action by the County Council. Lastly, **Section 4** requires OPZ to send a copy of the notice from MDE to the Administrative Officer to the County Council.

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

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