

# PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 15-25

Introduced by Ms. Pickard

By the County Council, February 3, 2025

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Introduced and first read on February 3, 2025  
Public Hearing set for March 3, 2025  
Bill Expires on May 9, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Parking, Outdoor Lighting, and Signage –  
2 Measurement of Signage Area

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4 FOR the purpose of removing certain requirements for determining sign area; and generally  
5 relating to zoning.

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7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-3-304(a)  
8 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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

### ARTICLE 18. ZONING

#### TITLE 3. PARKING, OUTDOOR LIGHTING, AND SIGNAGE

##### 18-3-304. Measurement of area and height.

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19 (a) **How area is measured.** Sign area is measured as the smallest rectangular area  
20 enclosing all elements of the sign, including the extreme limits of the writing,  
21 representation, emblem, logo, or other display, [[any material or color forming an integral  
22 part of the background of the display,]] and all ornamental attachments and inner  
23 connecting links. Only one face of a freestanding sign is measured if the faces are placed  
24 back to back no more than three feet apart, are of the same dimensions, and have identical  
25 copy except for minor differences necessary for directional purposes. Supporting  
26 framework, bracing, or decorative fences or walls are not included.

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

1           SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
2 from the date it becomes law.