PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 4

Bill No. 18-25

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair (by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, February 18, 2025

Introduced and first read on February 18, 2025 Public Hearing set for March 17, 2025 Bill Expires May 24, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ORDINANCE concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies - Board of
2	Appeals – Zoning – Administrative Hearings – Mixed Use Districts
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4	FOR the purpose of providing certain requirements for sector plans or studies before an
5	administrative rezoning of certain properties to a mixed use district; and generally
6	relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies, and zoning.
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8	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 3-2-205(h)(2) and (i); and
9	18-16-303(c)(2) and (g)
10	Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill Nos. 75-24 and
11	94-24)
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13	SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,
14	That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill
15	Nos. 75-24 and 94-24) read as follows:
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17	ARTICLE 3. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND SIMILAR BODIES
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19	TITLE 2. BOARD OF APPEALS
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21	SUBTITLE 2. ZONING APPEALS
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23	3-2-205. Standards and procedures for granting or denying rezoning.

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.

Asterisks *** indicate existing Code provisions in a list or chart that remain unchanged.

(h) Restrictions.

(2) A lot that is not designated as a mixed use planned land use in the General Development Plan or a region plan may not be administratively rezoned to a mixed use district. If the General Development Plan or a region plan ADOPTED BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2025, AND DECEMBER 31, 2026, recommends a sector plan or study for a lot designated as a mixed use planned land use, the lot may not be administratively rezoned to a mixed use district unless the sector plan or study is completed and recommends a rezoning to a mixed use district. If A REGION PLAN ADOPTED BETWEEN MAY 6, 2024, AND DECEMBER 31, 2024, DOES NOT RECOMMEND A SECTOR PLAN OR STUDY FOR A LOT DESIGNATED AS A MIXED USE PLANNED LAND USE, A SECTOR PLAN OR STUDY SHALL BE REQUIRED BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE REZONING MAY BE CONSIDERED, AND THE LOT MAY NOT BE ADMINISTRATIVELY REZONED TO A MIXED USE DISTRICT UNLESS THE SECTOR PLAN OR STUDY IS COMPLETED AND RECOMMENDS A REZONING TO A MIXED USE DISTRICT.

(i) **Mixed use designation prior to a certain date.** If a lot was not zoned as part of a mixed use district in a comprehensive zoning ordinance adopted between May 6, 2024, and December 31, [[2025]] 2026, and was designated as mixed use planned land use in a region plan adopted between May 6, 2024, and December 31, [[2025]] 2026, the lot may be administratively rezoned to a mixed use district IF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (H)(2) ARE MET. The designation of mixed use planned land use IN THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR A REGION PLAN AND A RECOMMENDATION OF REZONING TO A MIXED USE DISTRICT IN A REQUIRED SECTOR PLAN OR STUDY shall satisfy the requirement of subsection (a)(1).

ARTICLE 18. ZONING

TITLE 16. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SUBTITLE 3. HEARING AND DECISION

18-16-303. Rezonings.

(c) Restrictions.

 (2) A lot not designated as a mixed use planned land use in the General Development Plan or a region plan may not be administratively rezoned to a mixed use district. If the General Development Plan or A region plan ADOPTED BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2025, AND DECEMBER 31, 2026, recommends a sector plan or study for a lot designated as a mixed use planned land use, the lot may not be administratively rezoned to a mixed use district unless the sector plan or study is completed and recommends a rezoning to a mixed use district. IF A REGION PLAN ADOPTED BETWEEN MAY 6, 2024, AND DECEMBER 31, 2024, DOES NOT RECOMMEND A SECTOR PLAN OR STUDY FOR A LOT DESIGNATED AS A MIXED USE PLANNED LAND USE, A SECTOR PLAN OR STUDY SHALL BE REQUIRED BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE REZONING MAY BE CONSIDERED, AND THE LOT MAY NOT BE ADMINISTRATIVELY REZONED TO A MIXED USE DISTRICT UNLESS THE SECTOR PLAN OR STUDY IS COMPLETED AND RECOMMENDS A REZONING TO A MIXED USE DISTRICT.

(g) **Mixed use designation prior to a certain date.** If a lot was not zoned as a mixed use district in a comprehensive zoning ordinance adopted between May 6, 2024, and December 31, [[2025]] 2026, and was designated as mixed use planned land use in a region plan adopted between May 6, 2024, and December 31, [[2025]] 2026, the lot may be administratively rezoned to a mixed use district IF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (C)(2) ARE MET. The designation of mixed use planned land use IN THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR A REGION PLAN AND A RECOMMENDATION OF REZONING TO A MIXED USE DISTRICT IN A REQUIRED SECTOR PLAN OR STUDY shall satisfy the requirement of subsection (b)(1).

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