



**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Office of the County Auditor
Date: March 14, 2025
Subject: Auditor's Review of Legislation for the March 17, 2025 Council Meeting

**Bill 17-25: Snug Harbor Waterways
Improvement District –
Modification** **Summary of Legislation**

This legislation requests a modification to the Snug Harbor Waterways Improvement District in Shady Side, MD by removing the property at 1702 Lake Avenue and adding the property located at 4920 Mariners Drive to the District to reassign use of a slip.

Review of Fiscal Impact

This legislation has no fiscal impact.

**Bill 18-25: Boards,
Commissions, and
Similar Bodies – Zoning
– Mixed-Use Districts**

Summary of Legislation

This bill seeks to amend §§ 3-2-205 and 18-16-303 in the Code by providing certain requirements for sector plans or studies before rezoning certain properties to a mixed-use district. The modifications would implement a provision requiring any lot designated as a mixed use planned land use in a region plan adopted between May 6, 2024 and December 31, 2024 (i.e., Region Plans 2, 4, and 7) not be administratively rezoned to mixed use unless a sector study or plan for that lot has been completed and results in the recommendation of rezoning to a mixed-use district. It also requires that if 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 results in the recommendation of rezoning to a mixed-use district.

Review of Fiscal Impact

This legislation may have operational and fiscal impact to the Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ) based on their capacity to administer new plans or studies for additional mixed-use properties. If OPZ does not have the available staff, then OPZ would need to hire outside consultants to conduct the plan or study.

Bill 19-25: Current Expense Budget – Second Quarter Transfer and Supplementary Appropriations

Summary of Legislation

This Bill seeks to amend the current expense budget ending June 30, 2025 by transferring \$5,209,200 from various funds to provide supplemental appropriations to the Department of Public Works, Chief Administrative Office, Office of Finance, and the Library Fund.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We agree with the Office of the Budget’s Fiscal Note that the Bill provides for \$5,209,200 in increased appropriations.

Bill 20-25: Zoning – Conditional Uses – Townhouse Dwellings and Workforce Housing

Summary of Legislation

This bill modifies the conditional use requirements for townhomes in §18-10-127. Minimum setback for townhouse structures within R1, R2, and R5 Districts is amended to be 75 feet, or 30 feet if the adjoining lot is an open space or open area lot. Furthermore, the bill amends the setback and height requirements for workforce housing in §18-10-174, based on the type of dwelling unit.

Review of Fiscal Impact

This bill has no fiscal impact.

Bill 22-25: Subdivision and Development - Adequate School Facilities - School Utilization Chart

Summary of Legislation

This bill seeks to obtain approval of the 2025 School Utilization Chart which identifies state-rated capacity and enrollment projections for each public elementary, middle, and high school in Anne Arundel County per §17-5-502 requirements in the County Code. The chart is used to determine Adequate Public Facilities (APF) for schools.

Review of Fiscal Impact

This bill has no fiscal impact.

**Bill 23-25: Boards,
Commissions, and
Similar Bodies - Youth
Advisory Council -
Membership**

Summary of Legislation

This bill seeks to amend §§ 3-26-103(b)(1) and 3-26-104(a)(2) in the County Code relating to the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) to increase the number of members who may hold voting positions on the Council based on certain criteria, while still limiting the total number of these members to eight. The bill increases the allowable number of members from two to four for home schooled students in the County, private school students in the County, non-student members, and members who are currently enrolled in a higher education institution in the County or neighboring county. Furthermore, this bill would end term limits of voting members.

Review of Fiscal Impact

This bill has no fiscal impact.
