

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2008, Legislative Day No. 11

Resolution No. 21-08

Introduced by Mr. Cohen

By the County Council, May 5, 2008

1 A RESOLUTION ENTITLED  
2 Charter Amendment – Planning Advisory Board  
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4 RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to  
5 require that the County Executive and the County Council shall each appoint a certain  
6 number of members to the Planning Advisory Board and that the Planning Advisory  
7 Board shall also report to and advise the County Council.  
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9 *Be it resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That the  
10 following amendment to the Anne Arundel County Charter is proposed for submission to  
11 the qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2008:  
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13 Article VI. Special Boards, Commissions and Committees  
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15 **Sec. [532.] 609(A). The Planning Advisory Board.**  
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17 There shall be a Planning Advisory Board consisting of seven qualified voters  
18 [appointed by the County Executive] OF THE COUNTY, WITH THREE MEMBERS,  
19 INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND FOUR  
20 MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE VICE CHAIRMAN, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY  
21 COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION. THE BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER  
22 THE COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE. APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE for terms coterminous with [the  
23 County Executive's term] THE COUNTY COUNCIL or until their successors shall qualify.  
24 Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services except reasonable  
25 and necessary expenses as may be provided in the budget. Vacancies shall be filled in the  
26 manner of original appointment. [The County Executive shall designate a member as  
27 Chairman.]  
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29 **Sec. [533.] 609(B) Duties and functions of the Planning Advisory Board.**  
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31 (a) **Meetings and Rules of Procedure.** The Planning Advisory Board shall hold at  
32 least ten regular monthly meetings each year, but special meetings may be held at any  
33 time, at the call of the Chairman. The Planning Advisory Board shall adopt rules for the

1 transaction of its business. It shall hold hearings at its discretion or upon written request  
2 of the County Executive or [on resolution of] the County Council CHAIRMAN on any  
3 matter pending before the Board. It shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions,  
4 findings, determinations and decisions and it shall keep minutes of its proceedings all of  
5 which shall be filed in the Office of Planning and Zoning and shall be public record.

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7 (b) **Advisory Recommendations and Budget Functions.** The Planning Advisory  
8 Board shall make advisory recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Officer and the  
9 County Council relating to the Master Plan, the zoning maps and rules and regulations  
10 relating to zoning. At such times as the Chief Administrative Officer shall fix, the  
11 Planning Advisory Board shall consider an itemized list of capital projects, or capital  
12 improvement program, which the various agencies of the County government propose to  
13 undertake in the ensuing fiscal year and the next succeeding five fiscal years thereafter.  
14 After consideration by the Planning Advisory Board, the Planning and Zoning Officer  
15 shall transmit to the Budget Officer AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL with his  
16 recommendations a list of projects recommended by said board to be undertaken in the  
17 periods aforesaid and its estimates of the cost thereof. The County Executive, at his  
18 discretion, or County Council, [by resolution] UPON WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE COUNTY  
19 COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, may provide for reference to the Board, for review and  
20 recommendations, of any matter related to the board's functions and duties.

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22 (c) **Amendment of Capital Projects After Adoption of Budget.** In accordance  
23 with Section 716 of this Charter, the Planning Advisory Board shall consider and transmit  
24 its recommendation forthwith to the County Executive concerning amendments to the  
25 capital budget for any fiscal year. Such recommendation shall be advisory only.

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27 *And be it further resolved,* That the following question is adopted for submittal to the  
28 qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2008 for their  
29 adoption or rejection:

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31 "To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require that the County Executive  
32 and the County Council shall each appoint a certain number of members to the Planning  
33 Advisory Board and that the Planning Advisory Board shall also report to and advise the  
34 County Council."

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36 *And be it further resolved,* That this question shall be designated as Question "\_\_\_"  
37 on the ballot at the General Election in November 2008.

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39 *And be it further resolved,* That if the majority of qualified votes cast in the election  
40 are for the Charter Amendment, this amendment shall stand adopted from and after the  
41 30th day following the election.