



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

To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor
Date: May 12, 2021
Subject: Auditor Review of Legislation for the May 17, 2021 Council Meeting

**Bill 28-21:
Subdivision and
Development –
Community Meetings –
Recordings (As Amended)**

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the developer of a subdivision to record the proceedings of each community meeting and provide a copy of the recording to the Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ). Additionally, this bill requires OPZ to post the recording of the meeting to the County's webpage for at least 90 days.

We commented on this bill in our letters dated April 14, 2021 and April 28, 2021. At the May 3, 2021 Council meeting, this bill was amended to clarify that a developer may record the proceedings of a community meeting by audio or audio-visual means. We have no further comments on this bill.

**Bill 31-21:
Boards, Commissions, and
Similar Bodies – Resilience
Authority of Annapolis
and Anne Arundel County**

Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County to undertake and support resilience infrastructure projects in Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis (City).

Items to Note: The Administration intends to bring forth amendments for the following:

- Adding grandchildren to the membership restrictions in §§ 3-8A-103(a) and 3-8A-107(c);
- Specifying that the annual report required in § 3-8A-113(a) must include annual audited financial statements; and
- Adding language to allow examination of books and accounts by the County Attorney, Controller, County Auditor, and City Manager.

These amendments would be consistent with other similar bodies, such as the Tipton Airport, and they will assist the County and City in its proper oversight responsibilities of the Resilience Authority.

Bill 31-21(continued)**Review of Fiscal Impact**

We agree with the information presented in the fiscal note. The fiscal year 2022 proposed budget includes \$500,000 in funding for the Resilience Authority in the department budget for the Chief Administrative Officer. This funding will be used for one year of the Executive Director's salary and benefits (estimated to be \$200,000 - \$250,000), a support staff position, and other expenses, such as office supplies and contractual support.

**Bill 50-21:
Proclamation of Civil
Emergency in Anne
Arundel County –
Termination****Summary of Legislation**

This bill amends the termination date of the Proclamation of Civil Emergency by the County Executive established by Bill 24-20 to 48 hours after the effective date of this bill 50-21 as an emergency ordinance.

The Executive Orders (EO) related to the state of emergency currently in effect are:

- EO #30 – Prohibiting Termination of Certain Residential Utility Service,
- EO #44 – Postponing Tax Sale for Certain Fiscal Year 2021 Taxes and Charges, and
- EO #46 – Terminating Prior Executive Orders and Eliminating Restrictions Related to Covid-19.

EO #46 includes provisions that the “Criteria for Reopening Restaurants and Social Clubs as a Temporary Use,” which allows outdoor seating areas for restaurants as a temporary use, shall remain in effect for the duration of the local emergency proclamation.

Review of Fiscal Impact

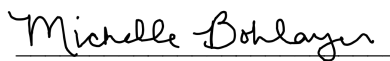
The fiscal impact of this bill on restrictions or allowances related to this state of emergency is not readily determined.

**Resolution 24-21:
Opposing the Baltimore-
Washington
Superconducting Maglev
Project****Summary of Legislation**

This resolution opposes the Baltimore-Washington Maglev Project and urges the Federal Railroad Administration and the Maryland Department of Transportation to better address all alternatives to reduce or eliminate potential negative impacts.

We commented on this bill in our letter dated April 14, 2021. At the April 19, 2021 Council meeting, this bill was held until the May 17, 2021 meeting. We have no further comments on this bill.

Sincerely,


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County Auditor