



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

To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor
Date: September 14, 2021
Subject: Auditor Review of Legislation for the September 20, 2021 Council Meeting

**Bill 66-21:
Zoning – Parking,
Nonresidential Outdoor
Lighting, and Signage –
Prohibited Signs and
Temporary Signs (As
Amended)**

Summary of Legislation

This bill revises the definition of temporary sign by adding language to further clarify its definition. This bill also removes wind signs and animated signs from the types of prohibited signs. In addition, this bill makes changes to requirements for temporary signs, including limiting the total number of temporary signs on private property to four wind signs and adding time limits that allow a temporary sign that is unrelated to an event to be displayed for no more than two periods of 60-consecutive days per 12-month period.

We commented on this bill in our letters dated July 14, 2021 and September 1, 2021. At the September 7, 2021 Council meeting, this bill was amended to modify the limitation on the number of temporary signs to wind signs only. This bill was also amended to add limitations on the period of time of which a temporary sign related to an event may be displayed; they may not be displayed for more than 60 days before the start of the event and shall be removed within 7 days after the conclusion of the event. We have no further comments on this bill.

**Bill 67-21:
Public Ethics – Financial
Disclosure – Legislative
Counsel to the County
Council**

Summary of Legislation

This bill adds financial disclosure requirements applicable to the position of Legislative Counsel to the County Council.

We commented on this bill in our letter dated September 1, 2021. At the September 7, 2021 Council meeting, this bill was held until the September 20, 2021 meeting. We have no further comments on this bill.

**Bill 68-21:
Public Safety – Animal
Care and Control –
Authority to Impound –
Tethering of Dogs**

Summary of Legislation

This bill amends the circumstances under which an animal may be impounded and a dog may be tethered outdoors.

We commented on this bill in our letter dated September 1, 2021. At the September 7, 2021 Council meeting, this bill was held until the September 20, 2021 meeting. We have no further comments on this bill.

**Bill 71-21:
Licenses and Registrations
– Swimming Pools – Pool
Operator and Lifeguard
Licenses (As Amended)**

Summary of Legislation

This bill repeals the requirement for a lifeguard license. It also increases the application fee to obtain a pool operator license from \$20 to \$60 and extends the term of the license from one year to three years.

We commented on this bill in our letter dated September 1, 2021. At the September 7, 2021 Council meeting, this bill was amended to change the term of a pool license to one year and to make the term of a pool operator license concurrent with the term of the pool operator's training. We have no further comments on this bill.

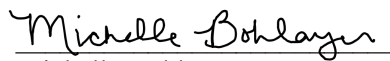
**Resolution 36-21:
Support of the County
Executive Entering Into an
Agreement with Robert A.
Pascal Youth and Family
Services, Inc.**

Summary of Legislation

This resolution urges the County Executive to promptly enter into an agreement to lease the building known as 41 Community Place in Crownsville to the Pascal Crisis Stabilization Center.

We commented on this resolution in our letters dated July 14, 2021 and September 1, 2021. At the September 7, 2021 Council meeting, this resolution was held until the September 20, 2021 meeting. We have no further comments on this resolution.

Sincerely,


Michelle Bohlayer
County Auditor