

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 6-24

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

By the County Council, February 5, 2024

Introduced and first read on February 5, 2024
Public Hearing set for and held on March 4, 2024
Public Hearing continued to March 18, 2024
Bill Expires May 10, 2024

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Development Plan – Region 2 Plan

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3 FOR the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan”, the region plan
4 for Region Planning Area No. 2, covering Annapolis Junction, Fort Meade, Hanover,
5 Jessup, Laurel, and Maryland City, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies,
6 planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 2; amending
7 “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County
8 Region 2 Plan”; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan”.
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10 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 was passed by the County Council on May 3, 2021,
11 which adopted “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, and amended,
12 among other things, § 18-2-103 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as
13 amended), and required that the County be divided into no less than seven region
14 planning areas encompassing all unincorporated areas of the County; and
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16 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 provided for the creation of region plans
17 for each region planning area and the creation of stakeholder advisory committees
18 for each region planning area; and
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20 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 created, adopted, and depicted the
21 boundaries of nine region planning areas, including the Region 2 Planning Area;
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24 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 required that the Office of Planning and
25 Zoning work with the stakeholder advisory committees to create the region plans
26 and to ensure that the region plans are consistent with the policies in Plan2040; and

1 WHEREAS, § 18-2-103(e)(4), as adopted by Bill No. 11-21, requires that each
2 region plan shall include maps depicting any changes to the land use map included
3 in Plan2040, and a description of how the changes are consistent with the goals and
4 policies of Plan2040; and

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6 WHEREAS, § 18-2-103(e)(5), as adopted by Bill No. 11-21, provides that upon
7 adoption by ordinance of the County Council, a region plan shall be considered an
8 amendment to Plan2040 until adoption of the next General Development Plan; and

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10 WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 55-21, the initial members of the Stakeholder
11 Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 2 were appointed by the County
12 Council; and

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14 WHEREAS, a draft of the “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan” was presented to
15 and considered by the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area
16 No. 2, and the Committee met on various occasions to review drafts of the “Anne
17 Arundel County Region 2 Plan” and review and hear community input; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No.
20 2 provided the Office of Planning and Zoning with recommendations on the
21 contents of the “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan”; and

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23 WHEREAS, a draft of the “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan” was provided to
24 the Planning Advisory Board in accordance with County Charter § 533(a), and the
25 Planning Advisory Board made advisory recommendations to the Office of
26 Planning and Zoning on the “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan”; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Zoning, after consideration of the
29 recommendations of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning
30 Area No. 2 and the Planning Advisory Board, prepared the “Anne Arundel County
31 Region 2 Plan” dated January 26, 2024; now, therefore

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33 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
34 That “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan”, the region plan for Region Planning Area No.
35 2, dated January 26, 2024, is hereby adopted.

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37 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan”
38 shall be considered an amendment to Plan2040 until the adoption of the next General
39 Development Plan.

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41 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That a certified copy of “Anne Arundel County
42 Region 2 Plan”, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 2, dated January 26, 2024,
43 prepared by the Office of Planning and Zoning, shall be permanently kept on file in the
44 office of the Administrative Officer to the County Council, and in the Office of Planning
45 and Zoning.

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47 SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
48 from the date it becomes law.