

# PROPOSED

AMENDED  
July 19, 2021  
September 7, 2021

## COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 14

Bill No. 66-21

Introduced by Ms. Haire

By the County Council, June 21, 2021

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Introduced and first read on June 21, 2021  
Public Hearing set for and held on July 19, 2021  
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on September 7, 2021  
Public Hearing on SECOND AMENDED bill set for September 20, 2021  
Bill Expires on September 24, 2021

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

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### A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Parking, Nonresidential Outdoor Lighting, and  
2 Signage – Prohibited Signs and Temporary Signs

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4 FOR the purpose of amending the definition of “sign”; allowing wind signs and animated  
5 signs ~~and signs painted on the roof of a structure~~; repealing the limitation on temporary  
6 real estate and construction signs; allowing temporary signs for particular uses to  
7 exceed the normal size; limiting the number of temporary wind signs allowed on a  
8 private property; allowing temporary signs to be displayed for a certain period of time;  
9 allowing temporary event signs to be displayed for a certain period of time; making  
10 technical changes; and generally relating to zoning.

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12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 18-1-101(127); 18-3-303(b)(3)~~and(4)~~;  
13 and 18-3-306  
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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16 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*  
17 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

### ARTICLE 18. ZONING

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[[Brackets]] indicate matter repealed from existing law.  
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate existing Code provisions in a list or chart that remain unchanged.  
Underlining indicates matter added to bill by amendment.  
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter removed from bill by amendment

**TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS**

**18-1-101. Definitions.**

Unless defined in this article, the Natural Resources Article of the State Code, or COMAR, words defined elsewhere in this Code apply in this article. The following words have the meanings indicated:

(127) “Sign” means any writing, letter, or numeric work, pictorial presentation, illustration or decoration, emblem, device, symbol, trademark, flag, banner, pennant, or any other device, figure, or character utilized to advertise, announce, identify, or make known or attract attention. The following types of signs have the meanings indicated:

(i) “Directional sign” means a sign that directs traffic to a use or area.

(ii) “Freestanding sign” means a sign that is permanently affixed to the ground and supported by one or more columns, uprights, or braces.

(iii) “Identification sign” means a sign attached to the facade of a structure that relates to a use located at the same location as the sign.

(iv) “Temporary sign” means a sign that is ~~[[posted no more than 60 days before the project, event, or election to which it applies and removed within seven days after the conclusion of the project, event, or election]] NOT A FREESTANDING SIGN OR A SIGN PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO A STRUCTURE, PORTABLE AND EASILY REMOVABLE, AND DISPLAYS MESSAGES OF A TRANSITORY OR TEMPORARY NATURE, SUCH AS STAKE SIGNS AND WIND SIGNS, AND IS NOT A FREESTANDING SIGN OR A SIGN PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO A STRUCTURE.~~

**TITLE 3. PARKING, NONRESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR LIGHTING, AND SIGNAGE**

**18-3-303. Prohibited signs; location; removal from County rights-of-way.**

(b) **Prohibition.** The following types of signs are prohibited:

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~~(3) [[wind signs,]] revolving signs, whirling signs, and animated signs; and~~

(3) [[wind signs,]] revolving signs[[,]] AND whirling signs[[, and animated signs]];  
and

(4) a sign that projects above the roof of a structure ~~[[~~, a sign painted on the roof of a structure,~~]]~~ and a sign supported by poles, uprights, or braces extending from or attached to the roof of a structure.

1 **18-3-306. Temporary signs.**

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3 (a) **Generally.**

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5 (1) A temporary sign is allowed in all zoning districts.

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7 (2) ~~[[A temporary real estate or construction sign for more than one lot shall have a~~  
8 ~~maximum area of 48 square feet or, if the property has 500 feet or more of road frontage,~~  
9 ~~64 square feet.]] A TEMPORARY SIGN ON PROPERTY THAT HAS 500 FEET OR MORE OF ROAD~~  
10 ~~FRONTAGE OR A TEMPORARY SIGN THAT APPLIES TO MORE THAN 10 ADJACENT LOTS MAY~~  
11 ~~HAVE A MAXIMUM AREA OF 64 SQUARE FEET. Otherwise, a temporary sign shall have a~~  
12 ~~maximum area of nine square feet in residential districts and 24 square feet in all other~~  
13 ~~districts.~~

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15 (3) The height of a temporary sign may not exceed 12 feet above grade level.

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17 (4) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEMPORARY WIND SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY MAY  
18 NOT EXCEED FOUR.

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20 (5) A TEMPORARY SIGN THAT IS UNRELATED TO AN EVENT MAY NOT BE  
21 DISPLAYED FOR MORE THAN TWO PERIODS OF 60-CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN ANY 12-MONTH  
22 PERIOD.

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24 (6) A TEMPORARY SIGN THAT IS RELATED TO AN EVENT MAY NOT BE DISPLAYED  
25 FOR MORE THAN 60 DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE EVENT AND SHALL BE REMOVED  
26 WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT.

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28 (b) **Temporary directional signs.**

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30 (1) A maximum of six temporary directional signs of no more than three square feet  
31 in area or three feet in height are allowed per event or destination, with a double-faced sign  
32 counting as one sign.

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34 (2) A temporary directional sign shall be self-supporting and may be posted only on  
35 weekends between 8:00 a.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. on the following Monday or between  
36 9:00 a.m. on County, State, or federal holidays and 9:00 a.m. on the following day.

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38 (3) Temporary directional signs may be placed within a County right-of-way if the  
39 signs are located at least three feet from any curbed or paved area.

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41 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
42 from the date it becomes law.