

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2014, Legislative Day No. 22

Bill No. 40-14

Introduced by Mr. Grasso, Chairman  
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 19, 2014

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Introduced and first read on May 19, 2014

Public Hearing set for June 16, 2014

Bill Expires August 22, 2014

By Order: Elizabeth E. Jones, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – The Anne Arundel County  
2 Pet Adoption and Rescue Fund

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4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Anne Arundel County Pet Adoption and Rescue Fund  
5 as a special, nonlapsing fund; setting forth the purposes of the Fund and allowing other  
6 sources of funding for those purposes; providing for manner of the administration of the  
7 Fund; and generally relating to the Anne Arundel County Pet Adoption and Rescue  
8 Fund.

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10 BY adding: § 4-11-108  
11 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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13 WHEREAS, the elimination or reduction of the unnecessary euthanasia of animals  
14 that come into the custody of the Anne Arundel County Animal Control Agency is  
15 an important governmental objective and is the primary purpose of this bill; and

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17 WHEREAS, the establishment of the Anne Arundel County Pet Adoption and  
18 Rescue Fund is intended to promote that objective by accepting donations intended  
19 to assist persons who adopt or rescue pet animals from the Anne Arundel County  
20 Animal Control Agency to pay the fees that are charged by the Anne Arundel  
21 Control Animal Agency for the adoption of animals and for the transfer of custody of  
22 animals to animal rescue organizations; now, therefore

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

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

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4 **ARTICLE 4. FINANCE, TAXATION, AND BUDGET**

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6 **TITLE 11. BUDGET**

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8 **4-11-108. Anne Arundel County Pet Adoption and Rescue Fund.**

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10 (A) **Fund established.** THERE IS AN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PET ADOPTION AND  
11 RESCUE FUND INTO WHICH SHALL BE PAID DONATIONS INTENDED TO DEFRAY IN WHOLE OR  
12 IN PART THE COSTS TO PERSONS FOR ADOPTION OF ANIMALS AND THE COSTS TO ANIMAL  
13 RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF CUSTODY OF ANIMALS FROM THE ANNE  
14 ARUNDEL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY.

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16 (B) **Special fund.** THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PET ADOPTION AND RESCUE FUND IS A  
17 SPECIAL, NON-LAPSING FUND IN WHICH THE COUNTY HOLDS DONATIONS IN TRUST FOR THE  
18 BENEFIT OF PERSONS WHO ADOPT ANIMALS AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANIMAL RESCUE  
19 ORGANIZATIONS WHO OBTAIN CUSTODY OF ANIMALS FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL  
20 AGENCY.

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22 (C) **Purposes.** DONATIONS PAID INTO THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PET ADOPTION AND  
23 RESCUE FUND SHALL BE DEDICATED TO THE PAYMENT, ON BEHALF OF PERSONS ADOPTING  
24 ANIMALS OR ON BEHALF OF RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS OBTAINING CUSTODY OF ANIMALS  
25 FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY, OF ALL OR SOME PART OF THE FEES CHARGED BY  
26 THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY FOR THE ADOPTION OR TRANSFER OF CUSTODY OF  
27 ANIMALS. UPON DISBURSEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) DONATIONS IN THE  
28 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PET ADOPTION AND RESCUE FUND SHALL BE TRANSFERRED BY  
29 THE COUNTY CONTROLLER DIRECTLY TO THE BUDGET OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY,  
30 WITH THE FREQUENCY OF THE TRANSFERS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY  
31 CONTROLLER.

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33 (D) **Administration of fund.** DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PET  
34 ADOPTION AND RESCUE FUND TO ALL OR PART OF THE FEES CHARGED FOR THE ADOPTION  
35 OR RESCUE OF ANIMALS SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY IN  
36 ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY,  
37 APPROVED BY THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, AND POSTED ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE.

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39 (E) **Nonexclusive source of funding.** GENERAL FUND REVENUES MAY BE USED TO  
40 SUPPLEMENT THE USE OF DONATIONS IN THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PET ADOPTION AND  
41 RESCUE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBSIDIZING THE FEES FOR THE ADOPTION OR RESCUE  
42 OF ANIMALS FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY.

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44 (F) **Report.** THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY SHALL PREPARE A REPORT WITHIN 90 DAYS  
45 AFTER THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR THAT DESCRIBES THE AMOUNT OF THE DONATIONS  
46 RECEIVED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR, HOW THE DONATIONS WERE DISBURSED, AND HOW  
47 MANY ADOPTIONS AND RESCUES WERE AIDED BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PET  
48 ADOPTION AND RESCUE FUND.

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