



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

To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor
Date: June 17, 2022
Subject: Auditor's Review of Legislation for the June 21, 2022 Council Meeting

**Bill 51-22:
Personnel – Classified
Service; Exempt Service**

Summary of Legislation

This bill adds new pay schedules for certain classified and exempt employees, provides the method for certain classified employees to move to a new pay schedule, provides for increase in pay for certain employees, and provides for certain lump sum payments. This bill modifies advancement to a new rate of pay for certain employees, reclassification for certain employees, modifies pay upon promotion, disability leave for certain employees, and education assistance for certain employees. This bill also removes certain employees eligible for overtime pay and allowances.

We commented on this bill in our letter dated June 2, 2022. In addition to the information provided in that letter, there was an additional \$464,000 needed to fund the increases for employees covered under the Fraternal Order of Police, AA Co. Lodge 70 which was included in the Fiscal Year 2023 Supplemental Budget. At the June 6, 2022 Council meeting, the vote for this bill was held until the June 21, 2022 meeting. We have no further comments on this bill.

**Bill 52-22:
Personnel – Positions in
the Classified Service –
Positions in the Exempt
Service (As Amended)**

Summary of Legislation

This bill amends the minimum qualifications of the Fire Fighter/Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic position; amends the pay grades for Police Communications Operator III and IV, the Chief Administrative Officer, Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Chief of Staff, Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, Police Major, and Police Chief of Staff; adds six new positions to the classified service, including pay grade, work week, and minimum qualifications; and eliminates the Deputy Central Services Officer and Deputy Director Aging from the exempt service.

We commented on this bill in our letter dated June 2, 2022. At the June 6, 2022 Council meeting, this bill was amended to add the positions of Assistant Facility Superintendent and Manager, Recreation and Parks Personnel Administration to the classified service. We have no further comments on this bill.

**Bill 56-22:
Personal Property Tax
Credits – Foreign Trade
Zones**

Summary of Legislation

This bill extends the termination date of the County’s personal property tax credit for personal property located in a foreign trade zone from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2027.

Review of Fiscal Impact

This personal property tax credit has been in effect since fiscal year 2003. The table below shows the total credits granted over the past five fiscal years from the Administration’s fiscal note and for fiscal year 2022 (through May 30th).

Fiscal Year	Amount of Tax Credit
2017	\$878,943
2018	\$1,071,557
2019	\$964,081
2020	\$789,715
2021	\$1,242,308
2022	\$1,353,172

According to the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation’s management, there are two foreign trade zones in the County, however, only one company is currently applying for and receiving this credit. There are other sites within the foreign trade zones that could be eligible to apply for this credit.

The Office of Finance does not expect a change in workload from the passing of this bill and no additional resources are anticipated. Personal property tax credits reduce taxes collected by the County. However, if the County maximizes the property tax revenue under the tax cap, the additional years of the tax credit renewal would not impact the property tax revenue collected by the County, but rather would be absorbed by the remaining tax base.

**Bill 57-22:
Zoning – Nurseries with
Landscaping and Plant
Sales**

Summary of Legislation

This bill amends the definition of nurseries with landscaping and plant sales and adds a conditional use requirement for nurseries with landscaping and plant sales to allow the storage and display of certain materials on a portion of the lot.

Review of Fiscal Impact

The Office of Planning and Zoning does not anticipate a change in workload due to this bill. This bill would make changes to the amount of on-site area that certain nursery businesses may use for certain activities, however, the impact of the changes will be dependent upon the specific circumstances. This bill has no direct fiscal impact.

**Resolution 11-22:
Determination of Certain
County-Owned Property
on the North Side of
Overlea Drive in Severna
Park as Surplus Property**

Summary of Legislation

This resolution declares certain County-owned property comprised of 0.058 acres and identified as Part of Lots 24-26, Block T, Sabrina Park, Plat Book 5, Page 50 on the northern side of Overlea Drive in Severna Park, Maryland as surplus property. According to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation's website, the property is 4,542 square feet (0.104 acres) and has an assessed value as of January 1, 2022 of \$467,100.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We reviewed this resolution and the support provided by the Administration and agree with the information presented. This resolution approves the determination of this property as surplus and has no fiscal impact. Pursuant to Code § 8-3-204(g), if the County Council approves this determination as surplus property and the County Executive negotiates for a private disposition, the terms and conditions of the private disposition will be required to obtain County Council approval for the disposition of the property.

**Resolution 15-22:
Approving Appointments
to the Police
Accountability Board**

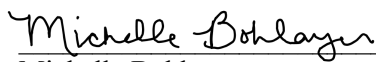
Summary of Legislation

This resolution approves appointments to the Police Accountability Board.

Review of Fiscal Impact

This resolution does not have a direct fiscal impact.

Sincerely,


Michelle Bohlayer
County Auditor