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Legislative Summary

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

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Subject: Bill No. 80-23 – Anne Arundel County 10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan 2024-2033

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 80-23.

Background

The Solid Waste Management Plan (“SWMP”) is the document that plans for waste management within the County for a period of ten years. State law requires that counties adopt certain plans, including the SWMP. MD. CODE ANN., ENVIR., § 9-503. In the County’s role of planning for solid waste management, the County does so within very narrow parameters, and under close supervision by the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE”). Section 9-505 of the Environment Article of the Maryland Annotated Code and the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) set out the specific items that are to be addressed in a SWMP.¹

The State law requires that the SWMP must be updated every ten years, and reviewed every three years. *Id.* The SWMP and any amendments must be approved by the governing body, which in Anne Arundel County means approval by the County Executive with referral to the County Council for confirmation. County Charter, § 1014. The last plan was adopted by the County Council by Bill No. 91-13.

Purpose

The primary purpose of Bill No. 80-23 is to adopt the County’s 10-Year SWMP to cover the periods from 2024 through 2033.

¹The specific requirements to be addressed all laid out in the SWMP that accompanies this Bill.

Note: This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.

Bill No. 80-23

SECTION 1.

This section repeals the 2013 SWMP.

SECTION 2.

This section adopts the County's 10-Year SWMP 2024 – 2033, and requires that a copy of the plan be kept on file with the County Council, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Department of Public Works.

SECTION 3.

This section provides that the Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill.
Thank you.

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