

FINAL

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 11-24

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

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
Bill Expires May 10, 2024

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Crimes, Civil Offenses, and Fines – Possession or
2 Discharge of Firearms – Property of Another

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4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from possessing or discharging a firearm on, onto,
5 or across the property of another without the express written permission of the owner,
6 occupant, or lessee of the property; requiring a police officer to issue a warning before
7 charging a violation of possessing or discharging a firearm on, onto, or across the
8 property of another; and generally relating to crimes, civil offenses, and fines.

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10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 9-1-601(e)
11 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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

ARTICLE 9. CRIMES, CIVIL OFFENSES, AND FINES

TITLE 1. CRIMES

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20 **9-1-601. Possession or discharge of firearms.**

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22 **(e) Prohibition.**

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24 (1) A person may not possess or discharge a firearm on the property of another OR
25 DISCHARGE A FIREARM ONTO OR ACROSS THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER unless, at the time

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

1 of the possession or discharge of the firearm, the person has the express written permission
2 of the owner, occupant, or lessee of the property on which the firearm is possessed or IS
3 discharged ON, ONTO, OR ACROSS. The written permission shall be signed by the owner,
4 occupant, or lessee; shall include the dates on which the possession or discharge is
5 authorized; and shall specify the parcel or property for which permission is granted. The
6 written permission shall identify the persons for whom permission is granted, and the
7 permission may not be transferred to another person or inferred or implied to include
8 companions of authorized persons. When properly executed, a writing substantially in the
9 following form is sufficient to constitute the written permission required by this subsection:

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11 “I, _____ (owner, occupant, or lessee) hereby authorize _____ to possess or
12 discharge any weapon or firearm on, ONTO, OR ACROSS my property known as _____
13 and such permission is granted for the following time(s): _____.


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16 (owner, occupant, or lessee)”

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18 (2) A POLICE OFFICER SHALL ISSUE A WARNING BEFORE CHARGING A VIOLATION
19 OF THIS SUBSECTION.


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

READ AND PASSED this 4th day of March, 2024

By Order:


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 5th day of March, 2024


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 11th day of March, 2024


Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 25, 2024

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BILL NO. 11-24 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Corby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Corby".

Laura Corby
Administrative Officer