## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

**BILL NUMBER: 32-25** 

INTRO. DATE: April 21, 2025

## FISCAL NOTE

BILL: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING: Finance, Taxation, and Budget- Special Community Benefit Districts, Shore Erosion Control Districts, and Waterways Improvement Districts-Administrative Charge- Penalties for Non-Compliance-Maryland Homeowners Association Act and Open Meetings Act Compliance

## **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

The purpose of this legislation is to modify the administrative charge for special community benefit districts, shore erosion control districts, and waterways improvement districts, providing penalties for non-compliance with requirements for these districts, and requiring the districts to comply with certain provisions of the Maryland Open Meetings Act and Maryland Homeowners Association act.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Currently, the administrative charge for districts is capped annually at \$2,000 and FY2025 revenue for administrative charges collected from districts is \$127,900. If approved, this legislation would increase the administrative fee limit to \$10,000 plus the January Consumer Price Index of the preceding year. (The Administration intends to submit an amendment to clarify this timing.) For FY2027, the limit would therefore be \$10,300, using the January 2025 CPI of 3.0%. This would potentially increase the revenue to the general fund by approximately \$152,000 to a total of approximately \$279,000 in FY2027. Beginning in FY2028, the administrative charge would increase by 7% for districts that do not receive and manage disbursements of district funds, potentially contributing an additional \$15,000 to the general fund. These increases to the administrative charge would do more to offset the staffing and material costs to the County of administering Special Community Benefit Districts, Shore Erosion Control Districts, and Waterways Improvement Districts by the Office of the County Auditor, the Office of Budget, the Office of Finance, and the Office of Law.

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