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Bill No. 61-25											
2025-07-21 4:48:04			Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		Bill No. 61-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Epping Forest Special Community Benefit District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement	Oppose	<p>Dear Councilmembers,</p> <p>As a resident of Anne Arundel County and a member of the Epping Forest community, I urge you to vote NO on Bill 61-25, the Epping Forest Loan Approval. This proposal is flawed for the following reasons:</p> <p>1. Benefits Few; Paid by All: The loan would finance a new marina benefiting only 79 of over 500 property owners. Our SCBD fund was created to equitably support shared infrastructure—not to subsidize private recreation for a few.</p> <p>2. Higher Priorities: Our aging water system and deteriorating roads and stormwater infrastructure urgently need funding. Diverting resources to a luxury amenity is fiscally irresponsible, especially amid economic uncertainty.</p> <p>3. Risky Loan Terms: The loan includes a \$996,606 balloon payment in year 11 with no secured funding plan. By then, the marina will be halfway through its lifespan and we'll still owe two-thirds of its cost—with no transferable asset.</p> <p>4. Revenue Shortfall: Projected marina revenues fall at least \$50,000 short annually and rely on unsustainable and unrealistic assumptions about slip rental demand. When marina revenues are unable to cover the cost of this new marina, we will have to take funds from roads, stormwater management, and our privately managed waterworks system.</p> <p>5. Reasonable alternatives exist: We could replace our existing marina in kind at a fraction of the cost.</p> <p>6. Premature Legislation: A key variance needed for the marina expansion is under appeal. The scope, cost and timeline of approval of this project are far from certain. Depending on the outcome of this appeal, new loan legislation may be required or this legislation may be futile. The County Council's resources should not be used to consider the myriad issues associated with this legislation at this time.</p> <p>7. Insufficient Community Support: The loan requires a majority of property owners' approval per AAC Code § 4-7-201(a). With over 500 property owners, 115 affirmative votes falls short.</p> <p>The County Council must apply the plain language of the Anne Arundel County Code which requires that all purchases of real property require a vote by the majority of the property owners in the SCBD. AAC Code § 4-7-201(a). A marina, which is permanently attached to the land, is "real property" under MD law. The proposed project here is to demolish and replace an existing marina with a much larger expanded marina. Therefore, it is the purchase of real property.</p> <p>The County Council's actions with respect to this loan legislation will not only impact property owners in Epping Forest, they will impact property owners in every Special Community Benefit District in Anne Arundel County.</p> <p>Approving this loan legislation based on approval by less than 1/5th of the property owners in the SCBD (versus the required 51%) would set a dangerous precedent.</p> <p>For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request that you vote "NO" on this loan legislation, or the alternative, continue this hearing until the variance appeal has concluded.</p>	
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2025-08-11 15:39:08	Kurt	Svendsen	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	I support this Bill but only with amendments - see attached PDF file for written testimony and Comparison of Alternatives one-pager.	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/66533/testimony-bill-65-25.pdf
2025-08-28 12:56:09	Peter	Mayer	Arnold	MD	21012-3013	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I support this amendment to enact a full adjustment for inflation to this important property tax relief program. The income thresholds for the sliding scale have not been updated in 20 years, which leaves too many of our poorest unable to stay in their homes. I prefer to live in a community that involved everyone: poor or rich. Too often, Anne Arundel caters to developers who will bring in tax revenue through housing and building. This is a chance to show that Anne Arundel cares about people and not just revenue. This is a chance for the County Council to side with a rather forgotten constituency, but one that is too important for us to lose.	

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2025-08-28 17:13:19	Barbara	Patoka	Arnold	Maryland	21012	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I support an amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to fully adjust for inflation tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program. Inflation has eroded the value of this safety-net program.	
2025-08-28 17:34:25	Todd	Kamens	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I support an amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program. Thousands of otherwise eligible low-income homeowners no longer qualify.	
2025-08-28 22:40:19	Dan	Tootle	SEVERNA PARK	MD	21146	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I support an amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program. I am asking that this legislation be approved because: 1. Those income tiers have not been updated since 2007. 2. Inflation has eroded the value of this safety-net program. 3. Thousands of otherwise eligible low-income homeowners no longer qualify. 4. The number of homeowners helped has dropped by over 50%, from nearly 5,000 in 2007 to just over 2,000 in 2025. 5. Because these income tiers have remained frozen in time, most low-income households experience significantly higher property tax burdens as a percentage of income than the median household in the County experiences. Without passage of this legislation low-income homeowners can be forced out of their homes.	
2025-08-28 22:43:18	Timothy	Stevens	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	I wish to go on record as supporting the Bill but only with an amendment to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers.	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/68499/testimony-in-support-of-amendment-to-council-bill-for-homeowner-tax-credit.pdf
2025-08-29 11:53:22	Elizabeth	Kopack	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	Those income tiers have not been updated since 2007. Inflation has eroded the value of this safety-net program. Thousands of otherwise eligible low-income homeowners no longer qualify. The number of homeowners helped has dropped by over 50%, from nearly 5,000 in 2007 to just over 2,000 in 2025. Because these income tiers have remained frozen in time, most low-income households experience significantly higher property tax burdens as a percentage of income than the median household in the County experiences. This can force low-income homeowners out of their homes. As an Anne Arundel County resident who knows the value in the government helping residents stay in their homes I am urging the County Council to update the income tiers by amending Bill 65-25 to reflect a full inflation adjustment. This is no time for half-measures! Add in a personal story about struggles to pay property taxes or a story about how you or your neighbors have lost their home due to high property taxes.	
2025-08-29 15:50:36	Hugh	Seabrook	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I strongly support the amendment to Bill 65-25 to update the income tiers for the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program. These tiers have not been adjusted since 2007, and inflation has pushed thousands of low-income households out of eligibility. The number of homeowners helped has dropped from nearly 5,000 in 2007 to just over 2,000 today. Without this update, seniors and working-class residents are being forced to choose between paying property taxes and keeping their homes. For an average cost of only about \$8 per year to other taxpayers, we can restore the original intent of this program and protect our most vulnerable neighbors. I urge you to pass this amendment with a full inflation adjustment.	
2025-08-29 16:27:58	Susan	Hartmann	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I support an amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program. Every voice matters!	

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2025-08-29 18:10:32	Gwen	Davis	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	<p>I am submitting this written testimony to support amending the Real Property Tax portion of Bill No. 65-25 to adjust the income limit tiers for the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program for inflation. Apparently the tiers have not been updated since 2007, while inflation and property values continues to rise. If the tiers remain the same, those who are intended to benefit from the program will not qualify. It is critical that Anne Arundel County residents are not forced to sell their homes for no reason other than property values have increased at faster rates than their lower (and often fixed) incomes.</p> <p>My understanding is that the county will not receive less revenue as a result of more low-income home owners using the program, but rather that the cost will be spread across other home owner’s property taxes, resulting in very slight increases. As a home owner in AAC, I am completely willing to shoulder this very minor increase in support of our lower income neighbors.</p> <p>Our neighbors deserve our support, especially in these difficult times. Please make this common-sense change to the proposed bill.</p> <p>Thank you, Gwen Davis</p>	
2025-08-29 19:36:12	Joe	martin	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support		
2025-08-29 21:24:11	Melody	Flippo	Davidsonville	MD	21035	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I support Bill 65-25. As a senior living on Social Security I fear I will be forced to leave my home because I can’t afford the taxes.	
2025-08-29 21:30:17	Robert	Paesch	Bowie	MD	20715	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	Taxes are killing prople who have worked their e tire lives. They deserve to live in the house they have lived in for years.	
2025-08-29 21:57:02	Denise	Robinson	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	<p>I support an amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program. Thousands of otherwise eligible low-income homeowners no longer qualify because these income tiers have remained frozen in time for 20 years. I think the government should be helping residents stay in their homes but this inflation-eroded program fails to do that.</p> <p>Please approve the amendment to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers.</p>	
2025-08-30 0:16:33	Anne	Hoover	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I support an amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to fully adjust the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program - to reflect the realities of inflation. I have lived in Anne Arundel County since 1996 and am well aware of the income disparities as well as the way our ordinances, rules and laws often support the already wealthy and chronically undermine those living paycheck to paycheck. The long-standing and never-adapted income tier levels are a manifestation of systemic socioeconomic injustice. While this does not affect me personally, I know it is relevant for many neighbors and friends.	
2025-08-30 9:27:40	Kurt	Svendsen	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	See the attached one-page written testimony which has been updated to address two potential amendments, and supports the amendment to FULLY adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the sliding scale to determine who qualifies for this property tax credit. Also included is an updated one-page comparison of the existing state and the three alternatives. (I apologize for submitting this under the "general" testimony tool a moment ago. This is specific to Bill 65-25.	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/68646/testimony-bill-65-25-updated.pdf
2025-08-30 17:15:09	Alison	Moore	ANNAPOLIS	MD	21409	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I support an amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program.	
2025-08-31 10:15:26	David	Sparks	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	<p>Dear Council</p> <p>I am writing to support amending bill 65-25 by fully adjusting for inflation the income thresholds now. This should be the first step to removing a regressive tax on the those members of our county who have minimal resources to stay in their homes or to have a home.</p>	
2025-08-31 10:29:03	Paula	Sparks	Millersville	Maryland	21108	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	I'm writing in support of amending bill 65-25 by fully adjusting income thresholds now for inflation to help lower income families stay in their homes.	

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2025-08-31 11:03:34	Howard	Lacy	FLORENCE	SC	29505	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support		
2025-08-31 14:17:33	Steven	Waddy	Severn	MD	21144	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	<p>I urge the council to support this bill with Councilwoman Rodvien's amendment. This amendment provides a full correction to 20 years of inflationary erosion in the income tiers specified in County Code (Section 4-2-204). The purpose, problem, and solution – in a nutshell. It's a "safety net" program which sets a limit on the property tax amount that an eligible homeowner must pay based on a sliding scale according to gross household income. Qualified homeowner's must own the property as their principal residence. Net worth must be less than \$200,000. The combined gross household income cannot exceed \$60,000 for the year.</p> <p>The problem is that the income thresholds for the sliding scale have not been updated in 20 years. As everyone knows, \$12,000 (the 1st tier) in 2007 had lots more "buying power" than in 2027. In fact, \$12,000 in 2007 is worth about \$20,000 in 2027 when any proposed change will take effect. The number of homeowners helped during this time has dropped more than 50% from 4,788 to 2,322, thousands have been left out because the income thresholds remain frozen in time.</p> <p>• Amending Bill 65-25 to "fix" this by fully adjusting for inflation the income thresholds will not reduce revenue to County Government. Instead, as with all County property tax credits, the overall property tax burden will be redistributed. A full correction will redistribute \$1.5M of tax burden: an annual increase of \$5.58 per yr on avg. tax bill.</p>	
2025-09-01 12:44:42	Tammy	Switzer	Edgewater	MD	21037	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	"I support an amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program."	
2025-09-01 13:47:12	Janet	LaBella	GALESVILLE	MD	20765	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	<p>I support an amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to fully adjust the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program for inflation.</p> <p>Because the income tiers have not been updated since 2007, inflation has eroded the value of this safety-net program. Consequently, thousands of otherwise eligible low-income homeowners no longer qualify. The number of participating homeowners has dropped by over 50%, from nearly 5,000 in 2007 to just over 2,000 in 2025.</p> <p>The stagnation of the income tiers has caused most low-income households to experience significantly higher property tax burdens as a percentage of income than the median household in the County experiences. These high tax burdens adversely low income home owners and can contribute to the loss of their homes.</p> <p>That is why I am urging the County Council to update the income tiers by amending Bill 65-25 to reflect a full inflation adjustment. We want to help as many residents as possible to remain in their homes. I worked at the Legal Aid office in Annapolis for many years helping to keep low income residents housed.</p>	
2025-09-01 16:33:49	Cheryl	Bouchelle	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	<p>Good day,</p> <p>I'm writing to urge the County Council to amend Bill 65-25 to reflect a full inflation adjustment of the income tiers used in the County's Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit. Those income tiers have not been updated since 2007. Because of this, inflation has eroded the value of this safety-net program. Thousands of otherwise eligible low-income homeowners no longer qualify. The number of homeowners helped has dropped by over 50%, from nearly 5,000 in 2007 to just over 2,000 in 2025.</p> <p>Because these income tiers have remained frozen in time, most low-income households experience significantly higher property tax burdens as a percentage of income than the median household in the County experiences. This can force low-income homeowners out of their homes which is devastating for communities!</p> <p>As an Anne Arundel County resident who knows the value in the government helping residents stay in their homes I am urging the County Council to update the income tiers by amending bill 65-25 to reflect a full inflation adjustment.</p> <p>Sincerely, Cheryl Bouchelle,</p>	

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2025-09-01 19:08:38	Thomas	Merrick	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I fully support the amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program. These tiers have remained unchanged for many years and as a result of this inaction, inflation has seriously reduced the impact of this program. I implore you to get on the ball and fix this problem now! Thank you for your consideration.	
2025-09-01 20:41:03	Christopher	Fuller	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	I support an amendment to County Council Bill 76-25 to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program.	
2025-09-01 21:42:49	Camille	Weefur	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21061	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	I will support Bill 65-25 on the Homeowners Property Tax Credit *only* if it is amended to fully adjust the income tiers for inflation at minimum. I will be testifying in person, but I am submitting a PDF attachment here of what I will say to contribute to the viewable public record.	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/68827/written-testimony-for-bill-65-25_0.pdf
2025-09-02 8:11:52	Angela	Carpita	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	<p>The income tiers haven’t been updated in 20 years. Everyone knows money doesn’t go nearly as far today.</p> <p>Without this amendment, thousands of low-income, elderly, and struggling homeowners will continue to fall through the cracks.</p> <p>With it, we restore fairness, strengthen the safety net, and ensure tax relief reaches the people it was designed to help.</p> <p>I firmly believe that people who are legacy members of this community, already struggling to live in an expensive area, on low or fixed income, DESERVE maybe more than some newcomers, to keep their properties in Anne Arundel County. Forcing them out feels deeply wrong. To pull, out from under thousands, the actual ground people own, because WE didn’t keep up a balanced view on tax credits?</p> <p>Generational wealth is at stake here, and that in and of itself is a reason to get this amendment right.</p>	
2025-09-02 8:35:07	Pat	Lindstrom	Gambrills	Maryland	21054	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	this income tier for taxation rates needs to be updated.	
2025-09-02 9:06:36	Elizabeth	Yoder	Edgewater	MD	21037	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	Support	<p>Dear Anne Arundel County Council Members,</p> <p>I write to share some thoughts on Bill 65-25 Homeowners Property Tax Credit.</p> <p>I am a disability advocate living in Edgewater. My role as advocate has put me in the career of personal financial planning. I advise families with disabilities on their long term plans to provide support to their most vulnerable family members.</p> <p>In review of the current property tax tiers for the homeowners tax credit program, it is my assessment that people would receive more support from rental assistance programs in the county than they would by owning their own home. The disconnect of the tiers from the HUD program’s benefit equations don’t make sense to me, and now is a good time to start correcting that disconnect.</p> <p>I support the amendment as proposed by Council member Rodvein to fully update the income tiers in the homeowners property tax credit program. The proposal is closest to the HUD categories for renters and in my opinion would protect more households from housing insecurity.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Elizabeth Wolleben Yoder, CFP, ChSNC, AFC</p>	
2025-09-02 10:44:18	Carolyn	Bialousz	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 65-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax	No position	<p>I support an amendment to County Council Bill 65-25 to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit program.</p> <p>Because these income tiers have remained frozen in time for the past 20 years, the number of homeowners helped has dropped by over 50%. This can force low-income homeowners out of their homes.</p> <p>As an Anne Arundel County resident who knows the value in the government helping residents stay in their homes I am urging the County Council to update the income tiers by amending Bill 65-25 to reflect a full inflation adjustment. This is no time for half-measures!</p>	

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2025-08-28 8:07:16	Joseph	Gunther	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		Bill No. 73-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Special Exception Use – Pile Driving and Marine Construction Operations	Support		
2025-08-29 14:24:52	Chuck	Thompson	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		Bill No. 73-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Special Exception Use – Pile Driving and Marine Construction Operations	Support	<p>My name is Chuck Thompson and am President of the Improvement Association of Bayside Beach.</p> <p>If the Bill moves forward, we request that the Special Exception use for pile driving and marine construction operations remain for MA2.</p> <p>Bayside Beach has a marina tucked in a corner of the community that was rezoned in 2024 from R2 with a lawful nonconforming use to MA2. Marine construction operations were not part of the lawful nonconforming uses.</p> <p>Our community was established in 1921 and is not designed or laid out to handle the traffic – nor minimize the risks – associated with the marine construction use at the marina. We know from firsthand experience that personal property was harmed, and peace and tranquility of the neighborhood was disrupted, when these activities took place in our community.</p> <p>We believe a case-by-case review in front of an Administrative Hearing Officer will allow all parties to present their case so a fair and reasonable finding can take place.</p> <p>I've attached some more details and diagrams in my submittal to help provide an appreciation for the need to retain the Special Exception use for MA2 properties.</p>	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/68566/supplemental-testimony-for-bill-73-25.pdf
2025-09-01 19:30:26	Christian	Canby	Pasadena	Md	21122	Yes		Bill No. 73-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Special Exception Use – Pile Driving and Marine Construction Operations	Support	I am a commercial crabber on Chesapeake Bay and have a slip at the marina. I support the bill because it will affect me negatively if the marina is not able to have contractors unload. They cause no issues to the community or surrounding properties. I support the bill.	
2025-09-02 7:46:22	Troy	Cook	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		Bill No. 73-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Special Exception Use – Pile Driving and Marine Construction Operations	Support	<p>My parents and I own a house at 1937 Orchard Point Rd and was raised on the Bodkin. I also own a property at 182 Waldo Rd on the Magothy. I am in full support of this bill. I have never had issues with Marine Construction at Marina's on the Bodkin or the Magothy. Limiting contractors access to Marinas will only make an already highly expensive job cost more.</p> <p>Please pass this Special Exception if you would like people to continue to maintain and improve their water front properties.</p>	

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2025-09-02 9:41:04	Richard	Truett	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		Bill No. 73-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Special Exception Use – Pile Driving and Marine Construction Operations	Support	<p>Dear County Council,</p> <p>I own a marine service company here in the area, and have lived within 1/2 mile from Geisler Point for 30 years. I have had the opportunity to utilize Ms. Geisler's property over the years both professionally and personally and Ms. Geisler has always been collaborative, gracious and sensitive to her customer's needs. I appreciate that Ms. Geisler desires to improve the property so that the marina continues to serve as an asset to the community while at the same time allowing critical support to local businesses. I view this bill as a win-win for the community surrounding the marina, as Ms. Geisler's intentions, as she and I have discussed many times over the years, is to continue to improve the marina's aesthetics as well as its functionality in order to serve BOTH the community and local businesses. I feel very strongly that Ms. Geisler has the community's best interest in her heart, as she has never waived from her intent since I have known her over the years.</p> <p>Ms. Geisler has many relationships to local businesses, including marine construction operations, local watermen who work the Chesapeake, charter boats, and finally private boat owners. All of this is supportive of local business and community. GPM is one of the diminishing numbers of "mom and pop" marinas in our area, as big corporate operations have taken over many of the area marinas, eliminating the ability of many to be able to afford their use. GPM remains as a last vestige of marinas that work hand in hand with their customers and community allowing a personal relationship, tailored to their needs. This personal attention is extremely hard to develop with corporate operations such as Suntek, Safe Harbor and Stella, and it is virtually impossible to utilize these corporate marinas for anything but high-end marina offerings.</p> <p>The marina, as it has historically operated for decades was a property covered with heavy equipment, derelict boats, old marine construction materials, debris, etc... thus it was not a family/neighborhood-friendly place for many, many years. Ms. Geisler expended significant resources cleaning up the property, removing the superfluous debris, derelict boats, etc. and created a nice place to bring a boat for docking or launching. To my knowlege, no community member complained during this cleanup process. Her intention is to simply continue her efforts, allowing support to the marine construction companies in the area, which in turn allows her to take in much needed revenues to keep the marina up to acceptable standards.</p> <p>An important consideration for those that oppose the bill is that if Ms. Geisler is not able to support her marina, and another owner steps in, they may not have the same deep roots in the community, thus they may lack the community's best interest in their plans. Ms. Geisler grew up here and has a keen interest in creating an operation that is sustainable financially, in alignment with the community and is environmentally concious. She sincerely wants to do the right thing for the community and is only asking for a little leaniency to that end. Please support Ms. Geisler's efforts and vote "yes" on Bill 73-25.</p>	