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Bill No. 67-25											
2025-10-06 10:04:50	Stephen	Miller	Annapolis	Maryland	21409	Yes		Bill No. 67-25: (As Amended) AN ORDINANCE concerning: Floodplain Management, Erosion and Sediment Control, and Stormwater Management – Clearing and Pruning	Oppose	<p>Bill 67-25, Clearing and Pruning, has been greatly improved through several amendments adopted by the Council; however, the new fees for a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and Habitat Enhancement Plan (HEP) application included in Bill 67-25 be removed.</p> <p>The Bill, as described by the Administration in the Council Work Session, was principally designed to help waterfront owners manage invasive vegetation in the Critical Area buffer to preserve water views on their property. However, for the majority of homeowners and HOAs who have FCEs on their property, they usually submit VMPs to get permission to remove hazardous trees that threaten life or property. They may also submit a VMP to control invasive vegetation with a desire to improve the health of protected woodlands. Often, they are remediating issues that are the consequence of the Anne Arundel Code not requiring a residential developer to do this work as part of the Grading Permit.</p> <p>Maintaining the health of an FCE is not a requirement by Code nor is there a requirement for money to be put in the budget a developer presents to new home buyers in an HOA. The County should be grateful that owners of FCEs outside the buffer will use their own resources to hire professional help or use volunteer support to care for the forest. To approve these new fees without sufficient justification provided in either the Bill's Fiscal Note or Legislative Summary, as well as the Work Session, is an affront to VMP applicants.</p> <p>Please remove the fees for both VMP and HEP applications in Bill 67-25.</p>	
Bill No. 76-25											
2025-10-06 9:57:17	Stephen	Miller	Annapolis	Maryland	21409	Yes		Bill No. 76-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Safety – Sidewalks –Removal of Snow and Ice	Oppose	<p>Bill 76-25 should be amended to also require the County to remove snow and ice from DPW, DRP and AACPS-maintained shared pedestrian and bicycle pathways within 24 hours after a storm.</p> <p>If the public is going to have to do it, then so should county government. To fully comply with the Bill's requirements, our HOA will possibly add an additional 500+ linear feet (~8, 000 sq ft) of public and HOA-owned private sidewalk to what we currently budget for community snow removal, not to mention our private roads. We might now also have to consider whether we shovel the sidewalks for 55+ owners who might request exemptions. Fortunately, we can do this for our upcoming fiscal year (Jan - Dec), but other HOAs may operate on different fiscal schedules. It does not appear that the Bill considers this.</p> <p>It's simply unfair for citizens to have to budget for and comply with a 24-hour snow removal requirement on sidewalks without the County also having to meet the same standard.</p>	