

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 19

Resolution No. 32-25

Introduced by Mr. Smith

By the County Council, October 20, 2025

1       RESOLUTION urging the establishment of an Adequate Public Facilities Study Group  
2 to address the need for an electrical grid impact review for new development

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4       WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County has a method for conducting adequate public  
5 facilities testing requirements for proposed development by requiring certain  
6 developments to pass tests regarding fire, road, schools, sewerage, storm drainage  
7 and water facilities as a condition of site development or subdivision; and

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9       WHEREAS, in July, 2025 the U.S. Department of Energy released its “Report on  
10 Evaluating U.S. Grid Reliability and Security” raising concerns about existing  
11 electricity generation retirements and the incongruity between electricity demand  
12 and supply across the United States, particularly in relation to the expected demand  
13 from artificial intelligence, data centers, manufacturing and industrialization along  
14 with the increased cost of electricity for consumers; and

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16       WHEREAS, concern has been raised regarding Maryland’s lack of sufficient  
17 energy generation to meet increasing demand, aging infrastructure, and  
18 vulnerability to extreme weather events, prompting policy makers to review the  
19 immediate and long-term impacts that development has on the electrical grid; and

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21       WHEREAS, the County Council supports the inclusion of an adequate public  
22 facilities test related to the electrical grid for proposed development in Anne  
23 Arundel County to identify the impacts of anticipated increased demand on the  
24 electrical grid; now, therefore, be it

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26       *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it urges the  
27 County Executive to establish an Adequate Public Facilities Study Group to address the  
28 need for an electrical grid impact review for proposed development; and be it further

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30       *Resolved,* That the County Council urges the Adequate Public Facilities Study Group  
31 to submit a final report and recommendations for legislative changes to the County  
32 Executive and the County Council no later than June 30, 2026; and be it further

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34       *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.