

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Office of the County Auditor

Date: November 13, 2025

Subject: County Auditor's Review of Legislation for the November 17, 2025 Council

Meeting

Bill 76-25: Public Safety
– Sidewalks – Removal
of Snow and Ice

Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes updated enforcement processes for removing snow and ice from sidewalks in the County after winter weather events to enhance compliance and ensure responsible use of County resources. Specifically, this bill repeals the current snow and ice removal requirements, modifies related violations from a criminal offense to a civil offense, and provides for exemptions to specific populations.

This bill was introduced on behalf of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Inspections and Permits (I&P).

Review of Fiscal Impact

We concur with the Administration's Fiscal Note. The I&P possesses the existing capacity to absorb these additional duties with minimal impact on time and resources. While some overtime may be required during severe weather events, overall costs are not expected to increase significantly.

A review of this legislation was also included in the Auditor's Review of Legislation for the November 3, 2025 Council Meeting.

Bill 81-25: Subdivision and Development – Adequate Public Facilities – Adequate Transportation Facilities – Mitigation – Fees and

Summary of Legislation

This bill modifies Article 17 of the County Code relating to Adequate Public Facilities (APF) standards for Transportation by replacing existing adequacy standards with a comprehensive framework expanding required APF testing from roads to include other forms of transportation such as sidewalks, bicycles,

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pedestrian crossings, and transit facilities. The bill also establishes a mitigation hierarchy prioritizing physical improvements and maintains impact fee credits for developers who exceed baseline adequacy requirements.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We concur with the Administration's fiscal note. A definitive estimate of this bill's fiscal impact is not possible due to the various factors involved.

A review of this legislation was also included in the Auditor's Review of Legislation for the October 20, 2025 Council Meeting.

Bill 87-25: Planning and Development – Odenton Town Center Master Plan – Amendments

Summary of Legislation

This legislation amends the 2024 Odenton Town Center Master Plan (OTCMP), to include updated zoning recommendations and a modified Proposed Zoning map for the Odenton Town Center (OTC). The proposed amendments identify detailed recommendations for consideration during the Region 5 Comprehensive Zoning process, anticipated to begin in early 2026. Recommendations include the addition of parcels within the OTC boundary, modifying zoning districts, and updating the Proposed Zoning map (Map 6) to incorporate Open Space zoning districts, among other suggestions.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We agree with the Administration's fiscal note that this bill has no direct fiscal impact. Implementation of the plan and future development pursuant to zoning changes could affect County revenues and expenditures.