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Bill No. 76-25											
2025-11-17 9:17:31	Kurt	Svendsen	ARNOLD	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 76-25: (As Amended) AN ORDINANCE	Oppose	Please see attached PDF with written testimony.	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/76223/testimony-bill-76-25-sidewalks-snow-removal-2.pdf
Prior Testimony from 11/3 Meeting											
2025-11-04 12:36:18	Robert	Leib	Harwood	Md	20776	Yes		Prior testimony from 11/3 meeting	Oppose	Comments re Bill No. 85-25. Transition to Zero Emissions Leaf Blowers The inclusion of a "specific tool" in County Code defies common sense. If the decision is based upon the recommendations of DPW, Central Services, or other County Departments that it is beneficial in the performance of required duties and tasks to transition from gas powered leaf blowers to electric leaf blowers, then that is an action the County Executive and his leadership team are empowered to make. However, that was not presented to the County Council for the reason to enact this Ordinance. The rationale presented was to "Lead the Way," not improved job performance. Having the County Council embed such a requirement in County Code is an unnecessary over reach and a prime example of virtue signaling. Will electric lawn mowers be the next "specific tool" that will be so blessed to be embedded in County Code.	

Members of the Anne Arundel Council Council:

I am very disappointed and dismayed the a Bill like 76-25 could ever come up for a vote without a through review of the facts. A professor Jay Forrester from MIT has warned about unanticipated consequences regarding governmental actions and legislation. I believe this Bill is a perfect classroom example of this.

Please consider the following facts:

1. ACCORDING TO 2023 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS)
2. DISABLED PERSONS IN AA COUNTY.....67782
3. POPULATION OVER 70.....63442
4. SINGLE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS.....FEMALE ..339978...MALE 24654
5. SINGLE FAMILY HOMES OCCUPIED BU PERSONS OVER 70.....30,493
6. NUMBERE OF INSPECTORS25

As an 85 year old, whenever it snows my wife and I consider ourselves trapped in our home. Shoveling a driveway, walkways, and a sidewalk is beyond our capability. Instead of calling the County, neighbors should do the charitable thing they or their children used to do, shovel the sidewalk for the elderly neighbors.

Moreover, most of the sidewalks along state roads (such as MD424) will not be cleared within the timeframe allotted for the residential users. So what has been accomplished by this legislation? It is a political knee jerk response to a complaint by a minority of residents. I do not think most of the senior or disabled citizens are even aware of the legislation..

It is better applied to commercial properties, but there is no need because they already have the resources and interest to clear their business without government intervention.

In conclusion, I would urge the Council to reconsider the UNANTICIPATED CONSEQUENCES of the proposed legislation and wait until a better solution is proposed. Perhaps, signs in windows for people who need help.

Robert J. DiAiso

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Fwd: Bill 81-25

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Wed, Oct 22, 2025 at 5:25 PM

FYI

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From: **Mark Kleinschmidt** <[REDACTED]>
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Allison:

The Chamber would like to express its concerns about Bill 81-25 which expands the scope of the Adequate Public Facilities (APF) requirements. In its current form, the Chamber opposes Bill 81-25.

Bill 81-25 is not a modernization of APF, it is a significant expansion that will increase the cost of residential, commercial and redevelopment projects. The cost increases caused by Bill 81-25 comes at a time when the State and County are confronted with a significant affordable housing crisis. It will act as a disincentive for infill and redevelopment projects because of the added costs. The vague language in the Bill will require interpretation of the requirements by various county employees which will create confusion and increase the time to get projects approved and ultimately build.

As is the case, for much of the legislation passed by all levels of government, there is not enough consideration for the impact on small businesses. Whenever a small business is experiencing growth and wants to expand its current location or open a new location the expanded APF requirements will create uncertainty of interpretation, slow down growth and ultimately increase costs

The Chamber recognizes the importance of public infrastructure and a quality transportation system that meets the community's needs. However, Bill 81-25 is not a reasonable piece of legislation to accomplish this.

Moving Forward,

Mark Kleinschmidt
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Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce

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