

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 1

Bill No. 4-26

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, January 5, 2026

Introduced and first read on January 5, 2026
Public Hearing set for February 2, 2026
Bill Expires April 10, 2026

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 8

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3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning
4 Area No. 8; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region
5 Planning Area No. 8, covering Davidsonville, Harwood, Lothian, Owensville, Owings,
6 Waysons Corner, and parts of Friendship and Edgewater; and generally relating to
7 comprehensive zoning.

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9 WHEREAS, by Bill No. 11-21 the County Council adopted “Plan2040”, the
10 County’s General Development Plan, which included land use recommendations,
11 required to be further refined by region plans, that may be implemented through
12 comprehensive zoning; and

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14 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 amended, among other things, § 18-2-103 of the Anne
15 Arundel County Code (2005, as amended), and required that the County be divided
16 into no less than seven region areas encompassing all unincorporated areas of the
17 County; and

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19 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 created, adopted, and depicted the
20 boundaries of nine region planning areas, including the Region 8 Planning Area;
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23 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 provided for the creation of region plans
24 for each region planning area and the creation of stakeholder advisory committees
25 for each region planning area; and

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27 WHEREAS, § 18-2-103(e)(4), as adopted by Bill No. 11-21, requires that each
28 region plan shall include maps depicting any changes to the land use map included

1 in Plan2040, and a description of how the changes are consistent with the goals and
2 policies of Plan2040; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Zoning, after consideration of the
5 recommendations of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning
6 Area No. 8 and the Planning Advisory Board, prepared the “Anne Arundel County
7 Region 8 Plan”, dated January 5, 2026; and
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9 WHEREAS, contemporaneous with the introduction of this Ordinance, Bill No. __-
10 26 was introduced to this Council, and proposes the adoption of the “Anne Arundel
11 County Region 8 Plan”, dated January 5, 2026, the region plan for Region Planning
12 Area No. 8; and
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14 WHEREAS, this Bill proposes comprehensive zoning consistent with Plan2040, as
15 amended by the “Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan”, dated January 5, 2026, the
16 region plan for Region Planning Area No. 8, as adopted by Bill No. __-26; now
17 therefore,
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19 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
20 That the portions of the Digital Zoning Layer dated February 22, 2011, adopted in whole
21 or in part by Bill No. 44-11, as amended, for the Region Planning Area No. 8, are hereby
22 repealed.
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24 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That after passage of this Ordinance, the
25 Planning and Zoning Officer shall amend text, maps, charts, graphs, photos, and tables in
26 accordance with the amendments to this Ordinance.
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28 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the “Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning
29 Layer, dated January 5, 2026, for Region Planning Area No. 8 of Anne Arundel County”,
30 as amended by Section 2 of this Ordinance, prepared by the Office of Planning and Zoning,
31 is hereby approved and adopted.
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33 SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the “Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning
34 Layer, dated January 5, 2026, for Region Planning Area No. 8” that is described in Section
35 3 of this Ordinance is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth and a certified copy
36 shall be permanently kept on file in the office of the Administrative Officer to the County
37 Council and in the Office of Planning and Zoning.
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39 SECTION 5. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
40 from the date it becomes law.