



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

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Subject: Bill No. 94-25 – Public Works – Utilities – Right of Entry – Infrastructure Maintenance Fee

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 94-25.

Summary

The Bill, introduced on behalf of the Administration at the request of the Department of Public Works (DPW) will enable DPW to complete federally mandated lead pipe replacement on private property. The federal requirements driving this effort stem from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) revised Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), an amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act. The LCR requires all public water systems to develop and implement a plan to remove all lead service lines. A significant portion of these lines, which connect the County-owned water mains to the homes' plumbing, are located on private property. Completing this work is a legal obligation with strict deadlines and potential penalties for non-compliance.

This legislation would rename and expand the allowable use of the Environmental Protection Fee. It alters the name from environmental protection fee to "infrastructure maintenance fee" to more accurately reflect the use of this revenue source. It also expands its permissible uses to explicitly add "improvements for regulatory compliance" as an allowable use of the fee, which would allow the fee to be used for the lead pipe replacement. The legislation includes language that clarifies and grants the necessary rights of entry for DPW and its authorized contractors to access private property, which is a crucial step to ensure the seamless and efficient replacement of lead service lines. Legislation is necessary to expand the allowable uses of this fee, which are currently enumerated in Anne Arundel County Code Section 13-5-808, and extend the right of entry to DPW designees or its contractors, which is limited by Anne Arundel County Code Section 13-1-104.

Note: This Legislative and Fiscal Summary provides a synopsis of the legislation as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the legislation.

Purpose

The purpose of this legislation is to expand the allowable uses of the Environmental Protection Fee to include “improvements for regulatory compliance” so that the County can complete federally mandated lead-pipe replacement on private property, allow DPW designees and contractors a right of entry to complete the replacements, and renames the fee to the “Infrastructure Maintenance Fee.”

Fiscal Impact

Please see the Fiscal Note that the Budget Office has prepared for an explanation of the legislation’s fiscal impact.

Additional Information

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Specific questions should be directed to Erin Dey, Department of Public Works, or Kelly Kenney, Office of Law. Thank you.

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