

# PROPOSED

## COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 22

Bill No. 94-25

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

By the County Council, December 1, 2025

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Introduced and first read on December 1, 2025

Public Hearing set for January 5, 2026

Bill Expires March 6, 2026

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

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### A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Right of Entry – Infrastructure  
2 Maintenance Fee

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4 FOR the purpose of allowing employees of the Department of Public Works and  
5 contractors on behalf of the Department entry onto private land in certain situations and  
6 to replace water service lines as required by State or federal law; prohibiting persons  
7 from hindering, obstructing or refusing right-of-entry to said employees and  
8 contractors; changing the name of the “environmental protection fee” to the  
9 “infrastructure maintenance fee”; adding compliance with State or federal laws as an  
10 authorized use of the infrastructure maintenance fee; and generally relating to public  
11 works.

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13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 13-1-104 and 13-5-808  
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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16 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*  
17 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

### 18 ARTICLE 13. PUBLIC WORKS

### 19 TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS

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23 **13-1-104. Right of entry.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law and taglines.  
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law and taglines.  
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

1 (a) **Generally.** An employee of the Department OR A CONTRACTOR OR A DESIGNEE ON  
2 BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT who is engaged in official duties, after presentation of  
3 proper credentials, may enter on private land in the County at a reasonable hour for the  
4 purpose of making surveys, investigations, engineering studies, reading a meter, or  
5 disconnecting, connecting, turning on, ~~[[or]]~~ shutting off, or repairing a water or  
6 wastewater line, OR REPLACEMENT OF A WATER SERVICE LINE AS REQUIRED BY STATE OR  
7 FEDERAL LAW.

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9 (b) **Prohibition.** A person may not hinder, obstruct, or refuse entry to the employee OF  
10 THE DEPARTMENT, OR A CONTRACTOR OR DESIGNEE ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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12 **TITLE 5. UTILITIES**

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14 **13-5-808. ~~[[Environmental protection]]~~ INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE fee.**

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16 (a) **FEE AUTHORIZED.** An ~~[[environmental protection]]~~ INFRASTRUCTURE  
17 MAINTENANCE fee shall be added to all usage charges for both water and wastewater  
18 service, except for the capital facility recoupment charge, to recover costs associated with  
19 construction of, expansion of, and improvements to capital facilities to service existing  
20 connected customers, AND TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH  
21 STATE OR FEDERAL LAWS, at the ~~[[following rates:~~

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23 (1) 30%, beginning on July 1, 2020;

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25 (2) 32.5%, beginning on July 1, 2021;

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27 (3) ~~]]~~ RATE OF 35%~~[[, beginning on July 1, 2022]]~~.

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29 (b) **USE OF REVENUE.** Revenues accruing from this fee shall be dedicated for debt  
30 service of the water and wastewater utility fund.

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32 **SECTION 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
33 from the date it becomes law.