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Bill No. 81-25, as amended											
2025-12-12 13:26:43	Kurt	Svendsen	ARNOLD	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 81-25 (As Amended): AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate Public Facilities – Adequate Transportation Facilities – Mitigation – Fees and Securities – Development Impact Fee Credits	Oppose	Please see the attached PDF file with my Testimony in opposition to this Bill.	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/78249/testimony-bill-81-25-apf-transportation-2025-12-15.pdf
Prior Testimony from 12/1: Bill No. 89-25											
2025-12-11 8:37:45	Michael	Pochettino	Riva	MD	21140	No	South River Heights	Prior testimony from the 12/1 council meeting	Support	<p>Honorable Councilwoman and Councilman of the Anne Arundel County Council,</p> <p>My name is Michael Pochettino, and I am a resident of the South River Heights community in Riva. This testimony is in my capacity as Treasurer of the South River Heights Community Association, and I am speaking for our entire Board of Directors.</p> <p>Bill 89-25 contains funding of \$38,075 for the South River Heights Special Community Benefit District. Note that these funds were budgeted, approved, and collected in 2018, 2019 and 2024. Unfortunately for technical reasons, the taxpayer collected money was never distributed to the South River Heights community. The issues impacting release of these funds have been resolved, and both the county and the community are in agreement that they should be dispersed promptly. We respectfully request that the funding contained in 89-25 be released, so that we can access our funding already collected by the county from the households of our community. The issues surrounding several land purchases should not hold up our funding for which there are no outstanding issues. Releasing this money and allowing affected parties to obtain their funding, while the Council continues to adjudicate the land purchases in Resolution 34-25, is in the best interest of the residents of South River Heights and all the residents of Anne Arundel County.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Best Regards, Michael Pochettino South River Heights Community Association Treasurer</p>	
Bill No. 92-25											
2025-12-05 15:33:55	Daniel	Weber	Severn	Maryland	21144	Yes		Bill No. 92-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Cottage Home Development	Oppose	By definition in the bulk regulations E. it states that the density in a cottage home development may not exceed 10 dwelling units per acre. That would exceed the allowable number of dwelling units in an R1, R2 or R5 zoned location. Thus this proposed legislation is in violation of existing zoning codes. To correct this issue the proposed legislation needs to be modified to limit this to at least an R5 to R10 zoned area and the existing code would determine the allowable number of dwelling units per acre [R1= 1; R2 = 2; R5 = 5, R10 = 10]. There is also no stipulation on the adequacy of sewage disposal as a single acre would not support this density of 10 dwelling units on a stand alone septic system not tied into the county sewage system and would be a disaster. As such this bill as written cannot be supported as written. Perhaps an entirely new zoning district needs to be defined to accommodate cottage homes i.e. CH5, CH10. Plunking cottage homes into existing R1-R5 zoned locations with existing housing that does not have adequate water supplied by the county (i.e. wells) or county sewer systems (stand alone septic systems) makes no sense at all.	
2025-12-13 15:47:34	Kurt	Svendsen	ARNOLD	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 92-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Cottage Home Development	Oppose	See attached PDF with my written testimony in opposition to this Bill.	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/78308/testimony-bill-92-25-cottage-home-development-2025-12-15.pdf
2025-12-14 20:18:18	Linda	Hanifin Bonner	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		Bill No. 92-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Cottage Home Development	Support		https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/78335/december-12-bill-92-225-cottage-home-development.pdf
2025-12-15 10:23:23	Steven	Waddy	Annapolis	Maryland	21401	No	NAACP	Bill No. 92-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Cottage Home Development	Support		https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/78360/12-15-25-bill-92-25-naacp-testimony.pdf

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2025-12-15 10:25:06	Brooks	Schandelmeier	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes		Bill No. 92-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Cottage Home Development	Support	<p>This legislation is a good step forward in addressing our housing shortage and I applaud it. By allowing multiple small homes to share an acre of land we can bring housing costs down for Anne Arundel County's working families. This type of legislation is exactly what is needed to encourage small developments and allow gradual change.</p> <p>I don't want "perfect to be the enemy of good" but two small suggestions I have are to waive the 80% income requirement for residents, these requirements while well intentioned can end up stifling these types of developments due to making the market uncertain. I think adding density bonuses can be a more effective way to encourage affordable costs while also fostering this development pattern. The other is I would encourage more units per acre in R1. Effective transit, such as buses, needs a minimum density of at least 16 units per acre to flourish.</p> <p>I am again very pleased to see this legislation and encourage the Council to pass this legislation either slightly amended or even as written. Both will be a positive step forward.</p>	
Bill No. 93-25											
2025-12-15 0:26:14	Samantha	Miyamoto	Severn	MD	21144	Yes		Bill No. 93-25: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Uses – Dog Day Care and Training Facilities	Support	<p>I am excited to write in support of Bill No. 93-25. Since nearly half of all households own dogs, dog training is essential to keeping dogs, owners, and neighborhoods happy and safe.</p> <p>Dogs that don't bark excessively, or escape their yards and run at large, or lunge and jump at people and dogs they pass make for great neighbors. Dogs that respond promptly to verbal cues, and greet visitors politely, and settle quietly in the home make great companions. Owners often need professional assistance to achieve these goals.</p> <p>I own and operate Leash Free Living, a dog training company in Anne Arundel County. We have been serving Anne Arundel County for 13 years, and train 75 dogs daily. Our company vision is to enhance the quality of life for dogs by shifting dog culture towards more engaged, responsible and effective dog ownership. Towards that goal, we primarily help owners live more easily, safely and enjoyably with their pets. We also excel at training in other venues, including acting projects and competition obedience.</p> <p>My own Leash Free Living trained dog recently debuted in a Netflix mini-series, The Beast In Me (Lemon, playing Steve). We have trained over a dozen champions in competition Rally and Obedience, and just this week had lots of success at the National Championship dog show in Orlando. My own dog and two students competed in the RACH Invitational, open to only the highest ranking champions of each breed. Our dogs were #1 Herding, #4 Terrier, and #4 Toy. They were all the top scoring of their breed, and one made the Top 20. We had two dogs compete in the Obedience Classic Tournament, placing 2nd overall in the class and 11th overall in the class. We are proud to be training dogs well locally, and on a nationally recognized level.</p> <p>Our client data tells us that 80% of our clients live within 5 miles of our training facility. Easier access to dog training services through proximity would be a huge benefit to our communities. Dog training largely happens one on one, or in small groups. The lower traffic and more controlled services are quiet and not disruptive. Better trained dogs keep animals out of the shelter system both by reducing strays and by reducing owner surrenders. Everyone wins with more access to dog training.</p>	
Resolution No. 36-25											

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2025-12-15 9:28:06	Sincere	Coles	Laurel	MD	20724	No	Capitol Accounta	Resolution No. 36-25: RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to create an office, known as the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, and an officer, known as the Multi-Cultural Affairs Officer, as part of the Executive Branch	Oppose	<p>Good evening, County Council Members.</p> <p>My name is Sincere Coles. I am a member of the Capitol Accountability Project, and I am here to speak in opposition to Resolution 36-25 in its current form.</p> <p>This County is being asked to establish and resource a Multicultural Office while Black Americans—specifically Freedmen and their descendants who are residents of Anne Arundel County—still do not have a comparable office with clear authority, dedicated funding, or accountability. That imbalance matters. Equity cannot exist when one community is structurally excluded from the same institutional access others receive.</p> <p>We are not asking for special treatment. We are asking for equal treatment. Before additional assistance or infrastructure is extended elsewhere, this County must address the long-standing absence of a formal, empowered office for Black American Freedmen.</p> <p>The disparity in recognition and resource allocation is not theoretical. It is measurable, persistent, and the result of policy decisions. Moving forward without correcting it reinforces a pattern where Black Americans are asked, once again, to wait.</p> <p>For these reasons, we respectfully but firmly call on this Council to pause Resolution 36-25 and reopen the process to allow for community-submitted amendments, so equity, specificity, and accountability can be ensured before this body proceeds.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	
2025-12-15 10:53:11	Concerned Citizen Vickie	Gipson	Annapolis	MD	21401	Yes		Resolution No. 36-25: RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to create an office, known as the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, and an officer, known as the Multi-Cultural Affairs Officer, as part of the Executive Branch	Oppose	<p>I would like to request that this legislation be held in abeyance to allow community members to submit amendments to ensure that all impacted community members are fully represented,</p>	

Dear Chair Hummer,

A greater proportion of dog owners are making use of dog training services. With overall pet ownership on the rise, the demand for dog training services has never been greater. Not only do we need more of these service establishments, but they need to be in locations that are convenient to our everyday lives.

Having the ability to access these facilities in the commercial and industrial zones and also in the RA and RLD districts (when they are associated with a Kennel), makes sense. Dog training coincides with typical business hours and does not involve overnight stays. The dogs are in a controlled, supervised environment with a very low trainer to dog ration (usually 1:1). These uses are highly compatible with the zoning districts identified in the legislation (Bill 93-25).

Please adopt this Bill. It is the appropriate remedy to address this growing challenge. Thank you for your support of this legislation.

Dennis Murphy