



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Office of the County Auditor
Date: February 13, 2026
Subject: County Auditor's Review of Legislation for the February 17, 2026 Council Meeting

CB 98-25 Public Works – Traffic – Zoning – Signs

Summary of Legislation

This bill repeals and adds new language to Title 3 of Article 18 (Planning and Zoning) and amends Article 13 (Public Works) to comprehensively update the County's regulations regarding permanent and temporary signs. The legislation aims to modernize the County Code to address new sign types, accommodate zoning changes, and ensure constitutionality following Supreme Court rulings that require content-neutral regulation of signage. Key provisions include revised definitions for different types of signs, new methods for measuring sign area, updated allowances for sign size and location, and specific regulations for temporary signs.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We concur with the Administration's fiscal note that this bill has no anticipated effect on the County's operating budget.

This legislation was also included in the Auditor's Review of Legislation for the February 2, 2026 Council Meeting.

CB 1-26 General Development Plan – Region 6 Plan and CB 2-26 Comprehensive Zoning – Region 6

Summary of Legislation

Bills 1-26 and 2-26 adopt the Region Plan and comprehensive zoning of Region Planning Area No. 6, covering Crownsville and portions of Millersville. Both bills require the Zoning Officer and County Council Administrative Officer to keep the adopted plan and digital zoning layer on file and authorize the Office of Planning and Zoning to amend text, maps, and related material to reflect Council amendments, correct obvious errors, and improve readability.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We agree with the Administration's fiscal note that these bills have no direct fiscal impact, but that

implementation of the Plan and development pursuant to zoning changes could affect future County revenues and expenditures.

This legislation was also included in the Auditor's Review of Legislation for the February 2, 2026 Council Meeting.

CB 3-26 General Development Plan – Region 8 Plan and CB 4-26 Comprehensive Zoning – Region 8

Summary of Legislation

Bills 3-26 and 4-26 adopt the Region Plan and comprehensive zoning of Region Planning Area No. 8, covering all or portions of eight communities in the southern portion of the County. Both bills require the Zoning Officer and County Council Administrative Office to keep the adopted plan and digital zoning layer on file and authorize the Office of Planning and Zoning to amend text, maps, and related material to reflect Council amendments, correct obvious errors, and improve readability.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We agree with the Administration's fiscal note that these bills have no direct fiscal impact, but that implementation of the Plan and development pursuant to zoning changes could affect future County revenues and expenditures.

This legislation was also included in the Auditor's Review of Legislation for the February 2, 2026 Council Meeting.

CB 7-26 - Current Expense Budget – Supplementary Appropriations

Summary of Legislation

This bill modifies the FY26 Operating Budget ending June 30, 2026 by appropriating \$868,400 of unappropriated funds from the General Fund account to the Chief Administrative Office and the Health Department's General Fund accounts. Additionally, the bill will appropriate \$178,600 of unappropriated funds from the Pimlico and Laurel Race Course Grant Fund account to the Laurel Race Track Community Benefit Fund in accordance with House Bill 337 (2025).

Review of Fiscal Impact

The Office of the County Auditor agrees with the Revised Fiscal Note for Bill 7-26, dated January 14, 2026. This legislation increases the total FY26 spending authority for Anne Arundel County by \$1,047,000. This is achieved through the appropriation of \$868,400 from the unappropriated General Fund balance reserved for federal funding impacts and \$178,600 from the unappropriated balance in the Pimlico and Laurel Race Course Grant Fund.

CB 8-26 - Current Expense Budget – Board of Education – Supplementary Appropriation and Transfers of Funds

Summary of Legislation

This legislation modifies the FY26 Board of Education (BoE) expense budget by appropriating \$2,190,000 in unanticipated revenues from Federal, State, and Local Restricted Grant Funds and transferring and appropriating \$4,222,762 in unappropriated fund balance for a total increase of \$6,412,762. It also reappropriates \$1,172,800 within current expenditure categories.

Review of Fiscal Impact

The Office of the County Auditor agrees with the Revised Fiscal Note for Bill 8-26, dated January 22, 2026. This legislation increases the total FY26 spending authority for the Board of Education by \$6,412,762 through the recognition of new grant revenue and unappropriated fund balance. Additionally, it reallocates \$1,720,800 in existing appropriations to align with projected expenditure needs.
