



**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Office of the County Auditor
Date: February 26, 2026
Subject: County Auditor's Review of Legislation for the March 2, 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 17, 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 17, 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 17, 2026 Council Meeting.

CB 11-26 – Recreation and Parks – Article 14 Code Revision

Summary of Legislation

This bill amends Article 14 of the Anne Arundel County code relating to the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department). Modifications include but are not limited to the addition of new and/or updated terminology; expanding the authority of the Director of the Department to permit or prohibit certain activities on property overseen by the Department; clarifying provisions related to the aforementioned activities; and updating requirements pertaining to pest management plans in accordance with federal law changes.

Review of Fiscal Impact

The Office of the County Auditor cannot independently verify the Administration's Fiscal Note, which states that this bill would have no fiscal impact. While the legislation may ultimately have minimal impact on County operating costs and revenues, the Administration did not provide sufficient information to verify that this legislation will have "no effect."
