

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

BILL NUMBER: 11-26

INTRO. DATE: Feb. 2, 2026

FISCAL NOTE

BILL:

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

This legislation amends Article 14 - Recreation and Parks to align to the County Code with current Maryland State law and modern recreational trends, and ensure consistent enforcement across all athletic fields, natural areas, and leased locations.

- The proposed definition of "Recreation & Park Area" covers all properties owned, leased, or operated by the County, closing previous gaps in enforcement boundaries.
- Proposed provisions explicitly address electric bicycles, scooters, and drones. All motorized recreational devices are now subject to a 10 mph speed limit within facilities.
- The bill codifies "Leave No Trace" standards to prohibit high-impact debris such as confetti, glitter, and helium balloons. It also introduces financial liability for individuals who cause environmental hazards through illegal dumping.
- The threshold for organized gathering permits would be lowered from 40 people to 20 people.
- Commercial activity, such as private lessons, fitness classes, and fundraising for profit, would be prohibited without a permit.
- Public notice of park rule changes will now be authorized on the County website rather than in local newspapers.

FISCAL IMPACT

Operating Budget – Personal Services: No anticipated effect. The proposed operational codifications are generally consistent with current operating practices.

Operating Budget – Other Operating Costs: No anticipated effect. The proposed operational codifications are generally consistent with current operating practices.

Capital Budget: No effect.

Revenues: No effect. No changes in park fees are proposed in conjunction with the bill.

Indirect and future fiscal effects: None.



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Date

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