

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 3

Resolution No. 2-26

Introduced by Mr. Volke and Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, February 2, 2026

1 RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to provide transparency and allow for
2 more public input by releasing a preliminary FY27 budget no later than April 1, 2026

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4 WHEREAS, following a \$3.3 billion budget deficit in FY26, Maryland is, again,
5 facing a budget deficit of over a \$1.5 billion in FY27, more than what was
6 previously communicated to State lawmakers; and

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8 WHEREAS, while State lawmakers grapple with the State's structural deficit, other
9 economic factors including the cost of inflation and increases to medical premiums
10 and energy bills are only exacerbating the cost of living and economic well-being
11 of Maryland residents; and

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13 WHEREAS, when compared to other Charter counties in the State, Anne Arundel
14 County is the only jurisdiction where the County Executive submits the budget to
15 the Council for review by May 1 or later, demonstrating that it is feasible to submit
16 a draft budget earlier to provide more time for public review and input; and

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18 WHEREAS, the only provision in the County Code or Charter directing the
19 submission of the budget to the Council by the County Executive is Section 706(b)
20 of the Charter which states "[N]ot later than 60 days prior to the end of the fiscal
21 year, the County Executive shall submit to the County Council the proposed County
22 budget for the ensuing fiscal year"; and

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24 WHEREAS, in these fiscally challenging times, it is vital for the County Executive
25 to share his priorities and plans to address the needs of our community as early as
26 possible, and provide insight into how the County will weather these fiscal
27 challenges; now, therefore, be it

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29 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it urges the
30 County Executive to provide transparency and allow for more public input into the
31 County's FY27 budget by releasing a preliminary FY27 budget indicating budget
32 priorities, and addressing demands on the County's budget from State funding and service
33 cuts; and be it further

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35 *Resolved,* That the County Council urges the County Executive to provide to the public
36 a preliminary FY27 budget no later than April 1, 2026; and be it further

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38 *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Stuart Pittman.