

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 18-26

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, March 2, 2026

Introduced and first read on March 2, 2026
Public Hearing set for April 6, 2026
Bill Expires June 5, 2026

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5

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3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning
4 Area No. 5; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region
5 Planning Area No. 5, covering Odenton, Piney Orchard, Gambrills, Woodwardville,
6 Crofton, and Two Rivers; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning.

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8 WHEREAS, by Bill No. 11-21 the County Council adopted “Plan2040”, the
9 County’s General Development Plan, which included land use recommendations,
10 required to be further refined by region plans, that may be implemented through
11 comprehensive zoning; and

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13 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 amended, among other things, § 18-2-103 of the Anne
14 Arundel County Code (2005, as amended), and required that the County be divided
15 into no less than seven region areas encompassing all unincorporated areas of the
16 County; and

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18 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 created, adopted, and depicted the
19 boundaries of nine region planning areas, including the Region 5 Planning Area;
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22 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 provided for the creation of region plans
23 for each region planning area and the creation of stakeholder advisory committees
24 for each region planning area; and

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26 WHEREAS, § 18-2-103(e)(4), as adopted by Bill No. 11-21, requires that each
27 region plan shall include maps depicting any changes to the land use map included

1 in Plan2040, and a description of how the changes are consistent with the goals and
2 policies of Plan2040; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Zoning, after consideration of the
5 recommendations of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning
6 Area No. 5 and the Planning Advisory Board, prepared the “Anne Arundel County
7 Region 5 Plan”, dated February 2, 2026; and

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9 WHEREAS, contemporaneous with the introduction of this Ordinance, Bill No.
10 17-26 was introduced to this Council, and proposes the adoption of the “Anne
11 Arundel County Region 5 Plan”, dated February 2, 2026, the region plan for Region
12 Planning Area No. 5; and

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14 WHEREAS, this Bill proposes comprehensive zoning consistent with Plan2040, as
15 amended by the “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan”, dated February 2, 2026,
16 the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 5, as adopted by Bill No. 17-26; now
17 therefore,

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19 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
20 That the portions of the Digital Zoning Layer dated February 22, 2011, adopted in whole
21 or in part by Bill No. 12-11, as amended, the portions of the Digital Zoning Layer dated
22 May 16, 2011, adopted in whole or in part by Bill No. 44-11, as amended, and the portions
23 of the Digital Zoning Layer dated September 6, 2011, adopted in whole or in part by Bill
24 No. 66-11, as amended, for the Region Planning Area No. 5, are hereby repealed.

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26 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That after passage of this Ordinance, the
27 Planning and Zoning Officer shall amend text, maps, charts, graphs, photos, and tables in
28 accordance with the amendments to this Ordinance.

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30 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the “Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning
31 Layer, dated February 2, 2026, for Region Planning Area No. 5 of Anne Arundel County”,
32 as amended by Section 2 of this Ordinance, prepared by the Office of Planning and Zoning,
33 is hereby approved and adopted.

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35 SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the “Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning
36 Layer, dated February 2, 2026, for Region Planning Area No. 5” that is described in Section
37 3 of this Ordinance is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth and a certified copy
38 shall be permanently kept on file in the office of the Administrative Officer to the County
39 Council and in the Office of Planning and Zoning.

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41 SECTION 5. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
42 from the date it becomes law.