

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 42-26

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

By the County Council, May 1, 2026

Introduced and first read on May 1, 2026
Public Hearings set for May 13 and 19, 2026

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Infrastructure Maintenance Fee
2 – Utility Investment Fee

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4 FOR the purpose of adding utility investment fees to fund water and wastewater capital
5 improvements; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating
6 to public works.

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8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 13-5-808
9 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill No. 94-25)

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11 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
12 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill
13 No. 94-25) read as follows:

ARTICLE 13. PUBLIC WORKS

TITLE 5. UTILITIES

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19 **13-5-808. Infrastructure maintenance ~~[[fee]]~~ AND UTILITY INVESTMENT FEES.**

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21 (a) **[[Fee authorized]] INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FEE.** An infrastructure
22 maintenance fee shall be added to all usage charges for both water and wastewater service,
23 except for the capital facility recoupment charge, to recover costs associated with
24 construction of, expansion of, and improvements to capital facilities to service existing
25 connected customers, and to make improvements required for compliance with State or
26 federal laws, at the rate of 35%.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law and taglines.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter stricken from existing law and taglines.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

1 (B) **UTILITY INVESTMENT FEE.** EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026, A UTILITY INVESTMENT
2 FEE SHALL BE ADDED TO ALL USAGE CHARGES FOR BOTH WATER AND WASTEWATER
3 SERVICE IN THE AMOUNTS IN THE FOLLOWING CHART. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
4 JULY 1, 2027, AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL
5 SET THE AMOUNTS OF THE UTILITY INVESTMENT FEE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER IN
6 ACCORDANCE WITH § 4-11-105 OF THIS CODE AND MAY INCREASE EACH FEE IN AN
7 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 5.00% OF THE THEN CURRENT FEE. ANY INCREASE IN A FEE IN
8 AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN 5.00% SHALL BE SET BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY
9 ORDINANCE.

METER SIZE	UTILITY INVESTMENT FEE – WATER	UTILITY INVESTMENT FEE – WASTEWATER
LESS THAN 1”	\$5.61	\$14.92
AT LEAST 1” BUT LESS THAN 1.5”	\$9.37	\$24.92
AT LEAST 1.5” BUT LESS THAN 2”	\$18.68	\$49.68
AT LEAST 2” BUT LESS THAN 3”	\$29.90	\$79.50
AT LEAST 3” BUT LESS THAN 4”	\$59.86	\$159.20
AT LEAST 4” BUT LESS THAN 6”	\$93.52	\$248.72
AT LEAST 6” BUT LESS THAN 8”	\$186.92	\$497.28
AT LEAST 8” BUT LESS THAN 10”	\$299.18	\$795.60
10” OR MORE	\$785.40	\$2,088.80

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12 **[[b)] (C) Use of revenue.** Revenues accruing from **[[this fee]]** THESE FEES shall be
13 dedicated for debt service of the water and wastewater utility fund.

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15 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect on July 1,
16 2026.