

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 11

Bill No. 49-26

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, May 18, 2026

Introduced and first read on May 18, 2026
Public Hearing set for June 15, 2026
Bill Expires on August 21, 2026

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Parking, Outdoor Lighting, and Signage – Signs
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3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum sign area square footage of freestanding signs
4 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to zoning.

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6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-3-318(a)
7 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill No. 98-25)

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9 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
10 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill
11 No. 98-25) read as follows:

ARTICLE 18. ZONING

TITLE 3. PARKING, OUTDOOR LIGHTING, AND SIGNAGE

18-3-318. Signs in Small Business Districts.

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19 (a) **Freestanding signs.** An establishment or use in a small business district may have
20 one freestanding sign. The sign area of a freestanding sign may not exceed 10 square feet
21 on a minor arterial road or road of lower classification, or 30 square feet on a principal
22 arterial road or a road of higher classification, EXCEPT THAT A SIGN ON RITCHIE HIGHWAY
23 (ROUTE 2) MAY NOT EXCEED 50 SQUARE FEET. The height of a freestanding sign may not
24 exceed eight feet on a minor arterial road or a road of lower classification, or 10 feet on a
25 principal arterial road or a road of higher classification.

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

1 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
2 from the date it becomes law.