

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

BILL NUMBER: 61-26

INTRO. DATE: July 20, 2026

FISCAL NOTE

BILL: Pubic Safety - Zoning - Article 18

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

This bill updates and revises Article 18 of the County Code, “Zoning.” The bill includes over 300 amendments which cover a wide range of topics. In general, the purpose of these amendments is to update outdated terminology or provisions, add or revise allowed uses, address inconsistencies, and improve the overall applicability of the zoning ordinance.

The [Zoning Code Comprehensive Update web page](https://www.aacounty.org/planning-and-zoning/zoning-administration/zoning-code-comprehensive-update), particularly the Legislation Summary Report, describe the proposed amendments in greater detail. (link

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FISCAL IMPACT

Operating Budget – Personal Services: No effect. This bill will not require any staffing changes.

Operating Budget – Other Operating Costs: No effect. Some provisions of the bill insert new legal requirements, but conform to existing administrative practice, for example: added language that states the Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ) will send notice to all property owners within 300 feet of a property that has applied to register as a nonconforming use. Although not a codified requirement, this has been the ongoing practice by OPZ since it is consistent with notice requirements for other types of zoning applications.

Capital Budget: No effect.

Revenues: No significant effect. To the extent the updated codes remove outdated restrictions or resolve uncertainties, there may be a modest increase in applications and permits, which would affect revenues. This effect cannot be reliably estimated, and is expected to be minimal.

Indirect and future fiscal effects: The bill makes "Food Bank" a permitted use in all commercial districts and W1, and conditional use in RLD. This affects the proposed use of a parcel at the Crownsville

Memorial Park being transferred from the County to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. Resolution 22-26 which would approve this transfer is currently before the Council.



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