A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Downtown Towson (D.T.) District – Signs

FOR the purpose of amending the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations in order to permit
certain signs to be reviewed administratively, subject to certain conditions and limitations;
and generally relating to sign requirements in the Downtown Towson District.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 259.16.A.5
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

SECTION 259. Districts

§ 259.16. Downtown Towson District.

5. Sign requirements.

a. [All] UNLESS HEREIN EXEMPTED, ALL Signs AT OR ABOVE THE SIXTH FLOOR OF ANY BUILDING shall be reviewed by the Design Review Panel (DRP).

b. [The DRP may establish procedures in which certain types of signs may be reviewed administratively by the Department of Planning.] EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH A., THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SHALL REVIEW EVERY SIGNAGE PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ANY MURAL UP TO 20 FEET ABOVE STREET LEVEL, AND RECOMMEND DETERMINE WHETHER A PROPOSAL CAN SHALL BE REVIEWED BY THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVELY OR REFERRED TO THE DRP FOR ITS REVIEW. THE DEPARTMENT’S RECOMMENDATION SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED UNLESS, WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE RECOMMENDATION, ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE MATTER BE FORWARDED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL AT A LEGISLATIVE MEETING.

c. After the DRP has reviewed a comprehensive sign package as part of a development, the DRP may authorize the Department of Planning to SHALL ADMINISTRATIVELY review subsequent minor revisions to the comprehensive recommended sign package.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on April 29, 2019.