COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2019, Legislative Day No. 18

Bill No. 64-19

All Councilmembers

By the County Council, November 4, 2019

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Lobbying Registration during CZMP

FOR the purpose of amending the time in which a person engaged in lobbying for the purpose of influencing the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP) must register with the secretary to the County Council; and generally relating to lobbying registration.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 7-1-502(b)
Article 7 – Public Ethics and Open Government
Title 1 – Public Ethics
Subtitle 5 – Lobbying Disclosure
Baltimore County Code, 2015

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law. Strike out indicates matter stricken from bill. Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

ARTICLE 7 – PUBLIC ETHICS AND OPEN GOVERNMENT

Title 1 – Public Ethics

Subtitle 5 – Lobbying Disclosure

§ 7-1-502. – Lobbying Registration – In General.

(b) Exemption for rezoning process.

(1) A person who engages in lobbying, including making public appearances, for the purpose of influencing the comprehensive zoning map process is not required to file a lobbying registration provided the person:

(i) Does not expend money on a public official for meals, beverages, special events, or gifts; and

(ii) Registers with the secretary to the County Council [not later than 5 days after the last] WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER ENGAGING IN A lobbying activity.

(2) The registration filed with the secretary to the County Council shall:

(i) Include the following information:

1. The person's full and legal name and address and the full and legal name and address of any person on whose behalf the person is acting; and

2. The property involved and the map issue number if available;

(ii) Be made a permanent part of the County Council record; and

(iii) Be posted on the council website.
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 December 16, 2019, and shall apply retroactively from September 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that a person who is not in compliance with the requirements of this Act due to its retroactive application shall have 14 days from the effective date of this Act to register with the secretary to the County Council.