

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.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

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4 ARTICLE 7 – PUBLIC ETHICS AND OPEN GOVERNMENT

5 Title 1 – Public Ethics

6 Subtitle 5 – Lobbying Disclosure

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

8 (b) *Exemption for rezoning process.*

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

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

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

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

17 (i) Include the following information:

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

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

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

22 (iii) Be posted on the council website.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
2 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on December 16,
3 2019, and shall apply retroactively from September 1, 2019.

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