

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 1061 (Charles County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Charles County - Zoning - Special Exceptions - Administrative Appeals

This bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County to adopt procedures to hear and grant exceptions to zoning applications, which have been denied by the board of appeals for surface mining; asphalt or concrete plants; or sand and gravel washing, crushing, or screening. Provided that procedures are adopted, any decision to grant, deny, modify, or remand a petition for an exception is final, but may be appealed to circuit court. Under current law, a decision by the board of appeals concerning zoning exceptions is final, but may be appealed to circuit court.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Charles County revenues could increase by a minimal amount. No effect on expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact on small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: The bill authorizes the County Commissioners of Charles County to become part of the appeals process for a property owner who is aggrieved by a decision of the board of appeals. The filing fee for an appeal to the board of appeals is \$700; approximately five applicable appeals are filed annually. The commission anticipates charging the same amount for an appeal to the commission. If five appeals are filed with the commission each year, county revenues could increase by \$3,500 annually. Any costs associated with the hearing of appeals could be handled with existing resources of the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County.

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