COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 32

Bill No. 106-20

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien and Ms. Lacey

By the County Council, December 7, 2020

Introduced and first read on December 7, 2020
Public Hearing set for and held on January 4, 2021
Bill expires March 12, 2021

By Order: JoAnne Gray, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning: Purchasing – Procurement – Transitioning the County’s Vehicle Fleet to Hybrid and Zero-emission Vehicles

FOR the purpose of transitioning to County vehicles that are hybrid or zero-emission vehicles in certain circumstances; defining “hybrid vehicle” and “zero-emission vehicle”; establishing certain deadlines to complete the transition; establishing a reporting requirement; requiring a long-term plan by a certain date; and generally relating to purchasing.

BY adding: § 8-2-120
Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Changes advises that the replacement of internal combustion engine vehicles with higher performing vehicles results in substantial greenhouse gas reductions, even if done incrementally over time; and

WHEREAS, according to the Maryland Department of the Environment’s State of Maryland 2017 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, on-road vehicles account for 36% of all carbon dioxide emissions across the State; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County owns or leases a considerable number of vehicles, all of which are internal combustion engines that burn gasoline or diesel fuel; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Captions and taglines in bold in this bill are catchwords and are not law.
WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County should lead by example and begin to transition vehicle purchases away from internal combustion engine vehicles toward lower emission vehicles; now therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

ARTICLE 8. PURCHASING

TITLE 2. PROCUREMENT

8-2-120. Transition to hybrid and zero-emission County vehicles.

(A) Applicability. This section applies to the procurement of passenger vehicles; multi-purpose passenger vehicles; and trucks with a load capacity of 3/4 ton or less and a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less.

(B) Definitions. In this section, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(1) “HYBRID VEHICLE” means a vehicle using two different forms of power, such as an electric motor and an internal combustion engine or an electric motor with a battery and fuel cells for energy storage.

(2) “ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE” has the meaning stated in § 23-206.4 of the Transportation Article of the State Code.

(C) Replacement of County vehicles.

(1) Beginning on the effective date of Bill No. 106-20, as county-owned or leased internal combustion engine vehicles require replacement or as the county adds vehicles to its fleet, the Office of Central Services shall procure hybrid vehicles or zero-emission vehicles so long as the purchasing agent determines that the vehicles meet the financial, operational, and technological needs of the using agencies.

(2) In fiscal year 2035, and in each year thereafter, all newly procured county vehicles subject to this section shall be zero-emission vehicles so long as the purchasing agent determines that the vehicles meet the financial, operational, and technological needs of the using agencies.

(3) When the purchasing agent determines that hybrid or zero-emission vehicles do not meet the financial, operational, or technological needs of the using agencies, the purchasing agent shall purchase or lease vehicles with the lowest emissions that meet the financial, operational, and technological needs of the using agencies.

(4) By August 31 of each year, the purchasing agent shall submit to the county executive and the county council a report that describes procurements made under this section during the preceding fiscal year.

(D) Plan required. By the end of fiscal year 2025, the office of central services shall complete a plan that outlines the long-term infrastructure, charging, and maintenance needs, as well as any staff, training, equipment, or contracted resources necessary to meet the requirements of subsection (C).
SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That all references in this Ordinance to “the effective date of Bill No. 106-20”, or words to that effect, shall, upon codification, be replaced with the actual date on which this Ordinance takes effect under Section 307 of the County Charter as certified by the Administrative Officer to the County Council.

SECTION 3. And be it further enacted, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 4th day of January, 2021

By Order:

JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 5th day of January, 2021

JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 14th day of January, 2021

Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 2021