

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 15-25

Introduced by Ms. Pickard

By the County Council, February 3, 2025

Introduced and first read on February 3, 2025
Public Hearing set for and held on March 3, 2025
Bill Expires on May 9, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Parking, Outdoor Lighting, and Signage –
2 Measurement of Signage Area

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4 FOR the purpose of removing certain requirements for determining sign area; and generally
5 relating to zoning.

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7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-3-304(a)
8 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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

12 ARTICLE 18. ZONING

13 TITLE 3. PARKING, OUTDOOR LIGHTING, AND SIGNAGE

14 18-3-304. Measurement of area and height.

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17 (a) **How area is measured.** Sign area is measured as the smallest rectangular area
18 enclosing all elements of the sign, including the extreme limits of the writing,
19 representation, emblem, logo, or other display, **[[any material or color forming an integral**
20 **part of the background of the display,]]** and all ornamental attachments and inner
21 connecting links. Only one face of a freestanding sign is measured if the faces are placed
22 back to back no more than three feet apart, are of the same dimensions, and have identical
23 copy except for minor differences necessary for directional purposes. Supporting
24 framework, bracing, or decorative fences or walls are not included.
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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.

- 1 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
2 from the date it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 3rd day of March, 2025

By Order:

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Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 4th day of March, 2025

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Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 5th day of March, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Stuart Pittman', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 19, 2025

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BILL NO. 15-25 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

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Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer