

FINAL

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 22

Bill No. 94-25

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, December 1, 2025

Introduced and first read on December 1, 2025
Public Hearing set for and held on January 5, 2026
Bill Expires March 6, 2026

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Right of Entry – Infrastructure
2 Maintenance Fee

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4 FOR the purpose of allowing employees of the Department of Public Works and
5 contractors on behalf of the Department entry onto private land in certain situations and
6 to replace water service lines as required by State or federal law; prohibiting persons
7 from hindering, obstructing or refusing right-of-entry to said employees and
8 contractors; changing the name of the “environmental protection fee” to the
9 “infrastructure maintenance fee”; adding compliance with State or federal laws as an
10 authorized use of the infrastructure maintenance fee; and generally relating to public
11 works.

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13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 13-1-104 and 13-5-808
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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

ARTICLE 13. PUBLIC WORKS

TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS

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23 **13-1-104. Right of entry.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law and taglines.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law and taglines.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

1 (a) **Generally.** An employee of the Department OR A CONTRACTOR OR A DESIGNEE ON
2 BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT who is engaged in official duties, after presentation of
3 proper credentials, may enter on private land in the County at a reasonable hour for the
4 purpose of making surveys, investigations, engineering studies, reading a meter, or
5 disconnecting, connecting, turning on, ~~[[or]]~~ shutting off, or repairing a water or
6 wastewater line, OR REPLACEMENT OF A WATER SERVICE LINE AS REQUIRED BY STATE OR
7 FEDERAL LAW.

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9 (b) **Prohibition.** A person may not hinder, obstruct, or refuse entry to the employee OF
10 THE DEPARTMENT, OR A CONTRACTOR OR DESIGNEE ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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12 **TITLE 5. UTILITIES**

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14 **13-5-808. ~~[[Environmental protection]]~~ INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE fee.**

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16 (a) **FEE AUTHORIZED.** An ~~[[environmental protection]]~~ INFRASTRUCTURE
17 MAINTENANCE fee shall be added to all usage charges for both water and wastewater
18 service, except for the capital facility recoupment charge, to recover costs associated with
19 construction of, expansion of, and improvements to capital facilities to service existing
20 connected customers, AND TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH
21 STATE OR FEDERAL LAWS, at the ~~[[following rates:~~

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23 (1) 30%, beginning on July 1, 2020;

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25 (2) 32.5%, beginning on July 1, 2021;

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27 (3) ~~]]~~ RATE OF 35%~~[[, beginning on July 1, 2022]]~~.

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29 (b) **USE OF REVENUE.** Revenues accruing from this fee shall be dedicated for debt
30 service of the water and wastewater utility fund.

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

READ AND PASSED this 5th day of January, 2026

By Order:



Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 6th day of January, 2026

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Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 8th day of January, 2026

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Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 22, 2026

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BILL NO. 94-25 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

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**Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer**