

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 46-25

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Mr. David Marks, Councilman

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By the County Council, July 7, 2025

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Historical and Architectural Preservation – Appeals

FOR the purpose of permitting a certain decision of the Landmarks Preservation Commission to be appealed to the County Board of Appeals; requiring the Board of Appeals to issue a decision with a statement of grounds and facts; establishing that the decision of the Board of Appeals is final and that the proceedings provided for are exclusive; and generally relating to County Landmarks and Historical and Architectural Preservation.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 32-7-501  
Article 32 – Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Control  
Title 7 – Historical and Architectural Preservation  
Subtitle 5 – Appeals and Enforcement  
Baltimore County Code, 2015

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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 32 – PLANNING, ZONING, AND SUBDIVISION CONTROL

5 Title 7 – Historic and Architectural Preservation

6 Subtitle 5 – Appeals and Enforcement

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8 § 32-7-501. Appeal from Commission Decision.

9 (A) EXCEPT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, a decision, order,  
10 recommendation, or other finding made by the Commission under Subtitle 2 or Subtitle 3 may  
11 not be appealed to the County Board of Appeals.

12 (B) (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER A DECISION OF THE COMMISSION  
13 DISAPPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT ON THE COUNTY FINAL  
14 LANDMARKS LIST, ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY THE DECISION MAY APPEAL TO  
15 THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS.

16 (2) THE APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS SHALL BE HEARD DE  
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18 (3) IN ISSUING ITS DECISION, THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS  
19 SHALL FILE AN OPINION THAT INCLUDES A STATEMENT OF THE FACTS FOUND  
20 AND GROUNDS FOR ITS DECISION.

21 (4) THE DECISION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS UNDER THIS  
22 SUBSECTION IS FINAL AND MAY NOT BE APPEALED.

23 (5) THE PROCEEDINGS PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION ARE EXCLUSIVE.

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 14 days from the  
3 date of its enactment.