

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

Bill No. 48-25

Mr. Wade Kach, Councilman

By the County Council, July 7, 2025

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Solar Facilities – Prime Farmland

FOR the purpose of prohibiting Solar Facilities on land in the R.C. Zones that constitutes
Prime Farmland; and generally relating to Solar Facilities.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 4F-102
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

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 ARTICLE 4F – SOLAR FACILITIES

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3 § 4F-102. Location of Solar Facilities.

4 A. Subject to Paragraph B, a solar facility is permitted only by special exception in the
5 R.C. 2, R.C. 3, R.C. 4, R.C. 5, R.C. 6, R.C. 7, R.C. 8, B.L., B.M., M.R., M.L.R., and M.H. Zones
6 of the County.

7 B. The allocation of land for solar facilities in the County is limited to the following:

8 1. A solar facility permitted under this article in the R.C. Zones only shall not be
9 located:

10 A. [within] WITHIN 300 feet of the nearest wall of a residential building,
11 another property with an existing solar facility, or another property for which a petition for
12 special exception under paragraph A has received zoning approval for a solar facility; OR

13 B. ON LAND THAT CONSTITUTES PRIME FARMLAND AS THAT
14 TERM IS DEFINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

15 2. No more than ten solar facilities may be located in a councilmanic district.

16 3. The Director of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections shall maintain a record of
17 all permits issued for a solar facility in the County, including the location and councilmanic
18 district for each such facility, and shall keep a current accounting of the number of facilities in
19 each councilmanic district under this paragraph.

20 4. Upon reaching the threshold of ten solar facilities in a councilmanic district, no
21 additional permits shall be issued for a solar facility in that district unless an existing facility
22 previously approved under this article has been removed pursuant to Section 4F-107.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect 14 days
2 after its enactment.