

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 14

Bill No. 62-25

Mr. Wade Kach, Councilman

By the County Council, September 2, 2025

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Hookah and Vapor Lounges – On-Site Security Personnel

FOR the purpose of requiring a hookah lounge or a vapor lounge to have a certain amount of on-site security personnel present on the premises during all hours of operation; and generally relating to hookah and vapor lounges.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 448.3.B
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 4 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

2 Section 448 – Hookah and Vapor Lounges

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4 § 448.3. Requirements and restrictions.

5 B. At all times, a permit holder shall:

6 1. Maintain a video surveillance system that:

7 a. Monitors all off-street parking areas and public entrances;

8 b. Continuously records each day the hookah lounge or vapor lounge is
9 open, from its opening until at least two hours after 12:00 midnight or its closure to the public,
10 whichever is earlier; and

11 c. Retains all video recordings for at least 90 days as business records
12 kept in the normal course of business; [and]

13 2. PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF SECURITY PERSONNEL
14 PRESENT DURING ALL HOURS OF OPERATION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE
15 HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF PERSONS ON THE PREMISES; AND

16 [2.] 3. Ensure that the hookah lounge or vapor lounge complies with all laws,
17 regulations, and requirements, including the applicable noise levels set forth in state law and
18 regulation.

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20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
21 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days after its
22 enactment.