

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 17

Bill No. 77-25

Mr. David Marks, Councilman

By the County Council, October 20, 2025

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Planning of Sewerage Projects – Property Owner Obligations

FOR the purpose of establishing when a property with an operating septic system can be obligated to participate in the apportionment of costs of the construction of a sewerage line system; and generally relating to the Metropolitan District.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 20-1-117(b)
Article 20 – Metropolitan District
Title 1 – In General
Baltimore County Code, 2015

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 20 – METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

5 Title 1 – In General

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7 § 20-1-117. Planning; Construction; Cost Estimates; Approval; Apportionment of Cost.

8 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN THIS CODE TO THE CONTRARY,
9 NO PROPERTY OR PROPERTY OWNER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A
10 PROJECT PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY OF A CONTRACT FOR THE
11 CONSTRUCTION OF OR THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PROJECT IF
12 THAT PROPERTY IS NOT IDENTIFIED WITH A FAILED SEPTIC SYSTEM BY THE
13 DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
14 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
15 SUSTAINABILITY WITHOUT FULL DISCLOSURE OF ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS
16 AND A SCHEDULE OF THE ANTICIPATED ASSESSMENTS AND FINANCIAL
17 RESPONSIBILITIES IN A LEGAL AGREEMENT IN A FORM SUFFICIENT FOR
18 RECORDATION IN THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY. All property owners
19 benefitted by the construction of the project shall be notified of the proposed apportionment of
20 cost contained in such schedule, and, after hearing, the county may adopt the schedule as
21 prepared or subsequently amended.
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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 after its
3 enactment.