

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 34-26

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Mr. Mike Ertel, Chair  
By Request of County Executive

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By the County Council, April 6, 2026

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Appellate Court Name Updates

FOR the purpose of replacing obsolete references to the Court of Appeals of Maryland and the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland with the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland, respectively; and generally relating to State appellate court names.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 3-2-1002(d)(2) and 3-3-1002(a)(2)(ii)  
Article 3 – Administration  
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.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments  
Section 10-2-312(c)  
Article 10 – Finance  
Title 2 – Purchasing  
Subtitle 3 – Contracts, Purchases, and Sales – In General  
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments  
Section 13-7-503(k)(2)  
Article 13 – Public Health, Safety, and the Environment  
Title 7 – Nuisances  
Subtitle 5 – Abatement of Public Nuisances  
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments  
Section 20-1-108  
Article 20 – Metropolitan District  
Title 1 – In General  
Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments  
Sections 32-3-109(e) and 32-7-502(d)  
Article 32 – Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Control  
Baltimore County Code, 2015

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

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ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

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Title 2 – The Administrative Services

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Subtitle 10 – Office of Law

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1 § 3-2-1002. Administration and duties.

2 (d) (2) An appeal may not be taken to the [Court of Appeals] SUPREME COURT of  
3 Maryland, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, or the Supreme Court of the United States  
4 without a written order of the County Attorney after the County Attorney has consulted with the  
5 County Executive.

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7 Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

8 Subtitle 10 – Ethics Commission

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10 § 3-3-1002. Membership.

11 (a) (2) Of the five members of the Commission:

12 (ii) Two must be lawyers licensed to practice law in the state and in good  
13 standing with the [State Court of Appeals.] SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND.

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15 ARTICLE 10 – FINANCE

16 Title 2 – Purchasing

17 Subtitle 3 – Contracts, Purchases, and Sales – In General

18 Part II – Purchases

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20 § 10-2-312. Purchase of recycled and recyclable products.

21 (c) Except for legal documents filed in court or subject to the rules of the [State Court of  
22 Appeals,] SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND, when photocopied, all documents over six  
23 pages in length shall be copied on both sides of the page.

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2 ARTICLE 13 – PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

3 Title 7 – Nuisances

4 Subtitle 5 – Abatement of Public Nuisances

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6 § 13-7-503. Notice; hearing; enforcement.

7 (k) (2) A party to a judicial review sought under this subsection may appeal a final  
8 judgment to the [Court of Special Appeals] APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND in  
9 accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

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11 ARTICLE 20 – METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

12 Title 1 – In General

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14 § 20-1-108. Same – arbitration with Baltimore City.

15 If, in the future, the county should desire to acquire water distribution mains and their  
16 appurtenances owned by Baltimore City and serving consumers in the metropolitan district  
17 exclusively or, if the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore should seek to acquire additional  
18 rights for the construction of sewer or water facilities in any manner affecting the county, the  
19 county and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in either event, shall negotiate and if  
20 unable to agree shall submit the matter to arbitration in the following manner:

21 In any arbitration proceeding provided for in the preceding paragraph, the county shall  
22 appoint one (1) arbitrator and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall appoint one (1)  
23 arbitrator. The two (2) arbitrators so appointed shall select a third, who shall be chairman of the

1 Board of Arbitration. If the two (2) arbitrators are unable to agree upon the third arbitrator, the  
2 chief [judge] JUSTICE of the [Court of Appeals] SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND shall  
3 be requested to designate such third arbitrator, and the written decision of the majority of the  
4 Board of Arbitration shall be final and binding upon both parties.

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6 ARTICLE 32 – PLANNING, ZONING, AND SUBDIVISION CONTROL

7 Title 3 – Zoning

8 Subtitle 1 – In General

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10 § 32-3-109. Same - required to file all books and papers delivered.

11 (e) When the Director of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections transfers a file to the  
12 Board of Appeals, a circuit court, or the [State Court of Appeals,] SUPREME COURT OF  
13 MARYLAND, the Director is relieved from any duties or responsibilities in connection with the  
14 file until the file is returned to the Director.

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16 Title 7 – Historical and Architectural Preservation

17 Subtitle 5 – Appeals and Enforcement

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19 § 32-7-502. Appeal from building engineer decision.

20 (d) Within 30 days after the decision of the circuit court is rendered, any party to the  
21 proceeding who is aggrieved by the decision of the circuit court may appeal the decision to the  
22 [Court of Special Appeals.] APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, shall take effect 45 days  
2   after its enactment.