

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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Bill No. 50-26

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Mr. Michael Ertel, Chair  
By Request of County Executive

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By the County Council, April 20, 2026

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning Operational Buildings Borrowing

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering Baltimore County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount not exceeding \$81,750,000 for public operational buildings, including, but not limited to general, health, police, fire, recreation, library, senior center and jail buildings or facilities and necessary or desirable equipment to be undertaken and to provide that the full amount of such borrowing shall be submitted to a referendum of the registered voters of Baltimore County for their approval or rejection, pursuant to Section 718 and Section 705(a) of the Baltimore County Charter.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 705(a) of the Baltimore County Charter, at the direction of the County Administrative Officer, the Director of Planning has heretofore transmitted to the Director of Budget and Finance the recommendations of the Planning Board for borrowing for capital projects to be undertaken and of a character requiring authorization by referendum; and

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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.

WHEREAS, the County Administrative Officer has reviewed such recommendations with the Director of Budget and Finance in the light of the existing capital program and has submitted to the County Executive a Borrowing Plan for the forthcoming referendum; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, after approving or modifying said Borrowing Plan, has submitted said Borrowing Plan to the County Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, as a part of said Borrowing Plan it has been recommended that Baltimore County, Maryland, borrow a sum not exceeding \$81,750,000 for the purpose of public operational buildings, including general, health, police, fire, recreation, library, senior center and jail buildings, to be undertaken; now, therefore

1           SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Baltimore County, Maryland, is authorized to borrow a sum  
3 not exceeding \$81,750,000 for public operational buildings including, but not limited to,  
4 general, health, police, fire, recreation, library, senior center and jail buildings or facilities, to  
5 be undertaken.

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7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that for the purpose of  
8 implementing the Borrowing Plan referred to in Section 1 of this Ordinance, Baltimore  
9 County, Maryland is hereby authorized, upon its full faith and credit, to borrow money and  
10 to incur indebtedness for financing the construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,  
11 improvement, enlargement, alteration, repair or modernization of operational buildings  
12 including, but not limited to, general, senior center, health, recreation, police, library, fire and  
13 jail buildings; the purchase or other acquisition of architectural, engineering and other

1 services incident thereto; the purchase or other acquisition of interests in and to land,  
2 easements, rights-of-way, and any and all other rights and privileges appurtenant thereto; the  
3 purchase or other acquisition and installation of necessary or desirable furnishings and  
4 equipment. In evidence of such borrowing and indebtedness, Baltimore County, Maryland,  
5 is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its general obligation bonds, at one time or  
6 from time to time, in various series, and in a principal amount not exceeding the amount  
7 authorized to be borrowed under said Section 1 of this Ordinance. Any general obligation  
8 bonds to be issued pursuant to the authority conferred by this Ordinance and the forthcoming  
9 referendum shall be issued and sold pursuant to Bond Issuance Authorization Ordinances  
10 adopted in accordance with Section 709 of the Baltimore County Charter, as set forth in the  
11 Baltimore County Code, 2015, as amended, and other applicable provisions of law.

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13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that, this Ordinance may be cited  
14 as “Baltimore County 2026 Operational Buildings Borrowing Plan Ordinance”.

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16 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that, pursuant to Section 718 and  
17 Section 705(a) of the Baltimore County Charter and Section 10-3-103 of the Baltimore  
18 County Code, 2015, as amended, the County Executive shall cause to be placed on the ballot  
19 by the Baltimore County Board of Elections for referendum in the general election to be held  
20 in Baltimore County on November 3, 2026, the full amount of the borrowing authorized by  
21 this Ordinance.