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

Bill No. 36-26

Councilmembers Marks & Crandell

By the County Council, April 6, 2026

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Signs – ~~Freestanding Enterprise Signs – Maximum Area~~

Definitions

FOR the purpose of ~~increasing the maximum area of a freestanding enterprise sign in the Commercial, Community Core District of the Business, Local (B.L. C.C.C.) Zone under certain circumstances~~ amending the definition of "Area" within the Zoning Regulations pertaining to Signs; and generally relating to signs.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section ~~450.4 – Attachment 1.5(b)~~ 450.3, the definition of "Area", listed alphabetically
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

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.

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

ARTICLE 4 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Section 450 – Signs

~~§ 450.4. Table of Sign Regulations.~~

~~The following table specifies the allowable combinations of sign classes and sign types, along with the use, permit, area, height, and other pertinent limitations. Each column in the table has a Roman numeral heading, along with a corresponding summary title. The following descriptions of each summary title are incorporated into the table:~~

~~Attachment 1 Table of Sign Regulations~~

~~Baltimore County Permanent Signs~~

~~I~~	~~II~~	~~III~~	~~IV~~	~~V~~	~~VI~~	~~VII~~	~~VIII~~	~~IX~~
~~Class~~	~~Structural Type~~	~~Zone or Use~~	~~Permit Required~~	~~Maximum Area/Face~~	~~Maximum No./Premises~~	~~Height~~	~~Illumination~~	~~Additional Limitations~~
~~5. Enterprise, meaning an accessory sign which displays the identity and which may otherwise advertise the products or services~~	~~(b) Freestanding~~	~~B.L.R, B.M., B.L., B.R., M.L.R., M.R., M.L., M.H., excluding multi-tenant office, retail, or industrial building, R.O.~~	~~Use~~	~~75 square feet; 100 square feet if premises has more than 300 feet of frontage. IN B.L.-C.C.C., 125 SQUARE FEET IF LOCATED IN~~	~~One per frontage~~	~~25 feet~~	~~Yes~~	~~See 450.4.5(g). In R.O., only if a legal nonconforming use for a service garage that has received final,~~

~~associated with the individual organization.~~				~~THE ESSEX CRD.~~				~~non-appealable approval.~~

§ 450.3. General sign definitions.

Unless otherwise provided, the following words, as used in Section 450, are defined as follows:

AREA – The number of square feet within the perimeter of one continuous rectangle enclosing the face of a sign. Except in the case of a wall-mounted sign, "area" includes the surface of all integral color, framing or other design feature by which the sign is differentiated from the structure supporting it or upon which it is erected. "Area" does not include:

A. Any structural, supporting or decorative features which are not part of the message of the sign;

B. Architectural features of the building upon which the sign may be erected, provided that such features are distinguishable from the sign by means of differences of color or similar attributes; or

C. Air spaces located between freestanding signs of different classes which are erected on a common or shared supporting structure, OR WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF ONE CONTINUOUS RECTANGLE ENCLOSING THE FACE OF THE SIGN.

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

LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION	BILL 36-26
DISPOSITION	PASSED AS AMENDED
ENACTED	05/12/26
EFFECTIVE	05/26/26
AMENDMENTS	YES (1)

ROLL CALL - BILL

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