

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 19

Bill No. 112-26

Mr. Izzy Patoka, Councilman

By the County Council, October 19, 2026

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Animal Welfare – Dogs and Cats – Disposal of Dog Waste

FOR the purpose of requiring a person to dispose of dog waste in their own trash bin or a public trash can; establishing that a person who violates this requirement is subject to a civil penalty of a certain amount; and generally relating to the disposal of dog waste.

BY adding

Section 12-4-104
Article 12 – Animals
Title 4 – Dogs and Cats
Subtitle 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 shall read as follows:

4 ARTICLE 12 – ANIMALS

5 Title 4 – Dogs and Cats

6 Subtitle 1 – In General

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8 § 12-4-104. PROPER DISPOSAL OF DOG WASTE.

9 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT DISPOSE OF DOG WASTE IN A TRASH BIN ON
10 ANOTHER PERSON’S PRIVATE PROPERTY.

11 (B) A PERSON MAY ONLY DISPOSE OF DOG WASTE IN THEIR OWN TRASH
12 BIN OR A PUBLIC TRASH CAN.

13 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL
14 PENALTY OF \$250.

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