

# Charles County Commissioners 2025 Preliminary Legislative Package



## County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland

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### Legislative Proposals

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Robin Woods

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#### Contact Person Address

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#### Proposal Summary (Describe proposal in 1 sentence)

This is a proposal to reform the current process in place to redefine Squatters as Trespassers, and give the legal homeowner increased ability to expedite removal by law enforcement without a lengthy court proceeding.

#### Code References (List any sections/chapters of the Charles County or State Code that you believe would be impacted by the proposal, if known)

Maryland's current laws pertaining to squatters presently require the legal owner to go through a lengthy legal process to remove squatters. An excerpt from Maryland's current law indicates: " How can a property owner evict

squatters in Maryland? In Maryland, property owners must file a complaint in the District Court of the county where the property is located to begin the eviction process for squatters. The property owner may also need to provide notice to the squatter before filing the complaint..." By passing updated legislation identifying squatters as trespassers and removing squatters right this will allow for a streamlined removal by law enforcement by the legal homeowner.

**Problem (Describe the problem the proposal addresses)**

Squatting has become a nationwide problem that continues to grow due to outdated laws pertaining to squatters rights. Many squatters are gaming the system and causing legal homeowners mounting bills, and undue stress with little to no support with common sense laws to protect their interest from these law breakers. By reforming squatting laws in Maryland it would make it clear that squatting is a criminal act. It would be a legislative change to finally close a loophole to identify squatting behavior as a criminal act. It is outrageous to think one could just come in and take over a home as squatters with no immediate consequences. Reforming laws pertaining to squatters to make it criminal trespassing so the police can come and take them out of the house is common sense legislation. This is an issue that other states are beginning to address with updated legislation to remove and update to anti-squatter laws.

**Solution (Explain how the proposal addresses the problem).**

Introducing anti-squatting laws redefining squatters as trespassers will give legal homeowners more rights to have law enforcement remove squatters immediately. Updated legislation to also hold squatters accountable for any property damage, make it a criminal offense for squatters who make up fake rental agreements, and most importantly spare the legal homeowner from a drawn out process that squatters use a loophole to game the system.

**Organizational Support (List any organizations that would likely be in support of the proposal, even if not confirmed).**

Multiple Homeowners Associations throughout Charles County Maryland

**Proposed Draft Language (Provide draft language for the legislation if you have it).**

A property owner can request law enforcement to immediately remove a squatter from their property if the following conditions are met: The individual has unlawfully entered and remains on the property; The individual has been directed to leave the property by the owner but has not done so this gives police authority to "swiftly" and "immediately" remove individuals from residential properties "based on a homeowner's sworn complaint and without court involvement of any kind," Persons found to have trespassed into a legal homeowner residence will be held criminally responsible for all damages to said home. If the trespasser presents a forged or fake lease the trespasser will be held criminally responsible for presenting a false document.

**Other Information To Note**

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**Attachment(s)**

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**Charles County, MD**

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GLORIA SAWYERS

#### Contact Person Email

[REDACTED]

#### Contact Person Phone

[REDACTED]

#### Contact Person Address

[REDACTED]

Bryans Road, MD, MD 20616

#### Proposal Summary (Describe proposal in 1 sentence)

Amendment to the Maryland Homeowners Association Act (ACT)

#### Code References (List any sections/chapters of the Charles County or State Code that you believe would be impacted by the proposal, if known)

Unknown

#### Problem (Describe the problem the proposal addresses)

My name is Gloria Sawyers, and I am a resident of your district and I need to call your attention to a very serious matter affecting citizens you serve. The Issue: I am writing to express my concern about the weakness of the above referenced ACT (MD Code, section 11B) and the limitless and unchecked power it allows Primary Development Home Owners Associations (HOA) to wheel over related communities. Outside of definitions, currently, there is nothing in the Act that prevents these Primary Development HOAs from the unbridled collection of association fees, special assessments, or placing liens against the homeowners residing in Related Developments.

**Solution (Explain how the proposal addresses the problem).**

I am proposing an amendment to the Act that will, with your assistance, control and limit the power of these Primary Development HOAs to operate arbitrarily and capriciously outside the boundaries of their primary development and dictate/communicate directly with homeowners in the related developments without the authority and expressed written consent of the Related Development HOAs. See attached documents

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July 24, 2024

Commissioner Thomasina O. Coates, M.S. (District 2)  
P.O. Box 2150  
County Government Building  
200 Baltimore Street  
LaPlata, MD 20646-2150

Reference: Amendment to the Maryland Homeowners Association Act (ACT)

Dear Commissioner Coates:

My name is Gloria Sawyers, and I am a resident of your district and I need to call your attention to a very serious matter affecting citizens you serve.

### **The Issue:**

I am writing to express my concern about the weakness of the above referenced ACT (MD Code, section 11B) and the limitless and unchecked power it allows Primary Development Home Owners Associations (HOA) to wheel over related communities. Outside of definitions, currently, there is nothing in the Act that prevents these Primary Development HOAs from the unbridled collection of association fees, special assessments, or placing liens against the homeowners residing in Related Developments.

I am proposing an amendment to the Act that will, with your assistance, control and limit the power of these Primary Development HOAs to operate arbitrarily and capriciously outside the boundaries of their primary development and dictate/communicate directly with homeowners in the related developments without the authority and expressed written consent of the Related Development HOAs.

### **Background**

In the South Hampton Development there are two distinct and separate communities with two distinct and separate HOAs: the South Hampton Townhouse Owners Association (SHTHOA) and the South Hampton Homeowners Association (SHHOA). Each HOA has its own distinct and separate websites and management companies.

However, the SHHOA operates as the Primary Development HOA and directly collect annual assessments from Townhouse Owners residing in the Related Development SHTHOA community with no governing authority or control.

1. The practice goes against the SHTHOA governing ByLaws (Article XIII Assessments) that provide that each owner in South Hampton Townhouse Community is obligated to pay to the SHTHOA annual and special assessments...”.

2. The Article does not in any way mention or suggest that owners in South Hampton Townhouse Community pay annual and/ special assessments to the SHHOA.
3. In addition to the requirements of Article XIII Assessments, Article VIII Maintenance, (Section 8.02. Association Maintenance) of the SHTHOA ByLaws provide that:

“The Association may, in the discretion of the Board of Directors, assume additional maintenance responsibilities upon all or any portion of the properties. In such event, all costs of such maintenance shall only be assessed against those owners receiving or benefiting or being served by the additional services.”

The ByLaws does not give or grant authority for another HOA to perform maintenance or make assessments against Townhouse Owners in the SHTHOA.

4. According to the 2024 SHHOA proposed annual budget, an assessment of \$70,400 is being collected directly from the Townhouse Owners in the SHTHOA; however, the budget spreadsheet does not provide any details as to what or how the \$70,400 will be used or the benefits that the Townhouse owners in the SHTHOA will receive from the assessed amount.

a. The chart below shows the collection of SHHOA Association Fees from SHTHOA owners from 2021 through 2024:

<b>Townhome Assessment Income</b>				
Year	Quarterly Installments	Yearly Assessment	Number of Residents	Total Annual Income
2021	\$50	\$200	313	\$62,600
2022	\$52.50	\$210	313	\$67,200
2023	\$55	\$220	320	\$70,400
2024	\$55	\$220	320	\$70,400

a1. The chart below shows the benefits (services, supplies, materials, etc.) the Townhome Owners received from the Assessment collected by the SHHOA.

Year of Assessment	Assessments	*Benefit(s)
2021	\$62,600	None listed
2022	\$67,200	None listed
2023	\$70,400	None listed
2024	\$70,400	None listed

\*Note: No benefits were recorded in the SHHOA annual yearly assessment report for the Townhouse Owners.

b. The chart below shows the Association Fees paid by the SHTHOA owners:

Townhouse Assessment Income				
Year	Quarterly Installments	Yearly Assessment	Number of Residents	Total Annual Income
2021	\$202.46	\$809.84	320	\$259,148.80
2022	\$202.46	\$809.84	320	\$259,148.80
2023	\$202.46	\$809.84	320	\$259,148.80
2024	\$202.46	\$809.84	320	\$259,148.80

b1. The chart below shows the benefits (services, supplies, materials, etc.), the Townhouse Owners received from the Assessment collected by the SHTHOA.

Year of Assessment	Assessments	*Benefit(s)
2021	\$259,148.80	Administrative Expenses, Utilities, Maintenance & Repair, Grounds Maintenance, Reserve Activity
2022	\$259,148.80	Administrative Expenses, Utilities, Maintenance & Repair, Grounds Maintenance, Reserve Activity
2023	\$259,148.80	Administrative Expenses, Utilities, Maintenance & Repair, Grounds Maintenance, Reserve Activity
2024	\$259,148.80	Administrative Expenses, Utilities, Maintenance & Repair, Grounds Maintenance, Reserve Activity

\*Note: The SHTHOA annual assessment reports recorded the benefits identified. See Enclosure 2 and 3 for a list of activities for each category under the Benefit(s) column. The annual budgets reflecting the information in the charts above are enclosed.

### The Solution:

To ensure that Primary Development HOAs have limits on their ability to impose arbitrary and uncontrolled assessments directly on the homeowners of Related Developments, an Amendment to the Maryland Homeowners Association Act is attached (see Attachment 1) for your review, consideration, and action.

## Summary/Closing

I thank you in advance for moving the amendment through the legislative process and any other action you may take to ensure that the unchecked arbitrary actions and of Primary Development HOAs are brought under control.

For your knowledge, a list of Townhouse Owners in the SHTHOA actively advocating for this action is attached (Attachment 2).

If you have questions or need additional information, I am available to assist.

Sincerely,

Gloria Sawyers  
5829 Monmouth Court  
Bryans Road, MD 20616  
(301) 602-9640  
gs1112@verizon.net

Enclosures:

1. South Hampton Townhouse ByLaws -- 01-29-2024
2. 2024 Proposed Annual Assessment Budget for South Hampton Homeowners Association
3. 2024 Proposed Annual Assessment Budget for South Hampton Townhouse Owners Association

Attachment:

1. Amendment to the Maryland Homeowners Association Act
2. List of SHTHOA Advocating for the Amendment

## **Amendment to the Maryland Homeowners Association Act**

Amend Maryland Law § 11B-101, Section 2, Paragraph (k) and (m) of the legislation as follows:

**(k) Primary Development:** Means a development where the homeowners association governs a community of homes that are part of a larger development. A Primary Development HOA may have its own rules, fees, and amenities, but it may also share some common areas and services with other HOAs in a Related Development.

1. A Primary Development may impose assessments on homeowners in a Related Development. Any assessments imposed by the Primary Development HOA on homeowners in a Related Development shall be for services, materials, equipment, or other justifiable benefits not being provided by the HOA in the Related Development.
2. For any such assessments imposed, the Primary Development HOA shall collect all such assessments through the Related Development's HOA and not directly from the homeowners in the Related Development.
3. The Primary Development HOA shall maintain a separate account and records for all such assessments in 1 above, showing the amount collected and the services, materials, equipment, or other benefits derived from the assessments that satisfy the needs of the homeowners in the Related Development. The records shall be made available for the review and retention of the Related Development HOA upon request as established in the ByLaws of the Primary Development HOA.
4. The Primary Development shall ensure that the assessments it impose on a Related Development are fair and proportional to the benefits the homeowners in the Related Development receive.

**(m) Related Development:** Means a development where the purchasers of a lot pay fees to the homeowners' association (HOA) established by the lot owners in such development, and the HOA shall be responsible for collecting any assessments from its lot owners imposed by the Primary Development HOA.

1. The Related Development HOA shall include in its ByLaws a requirement that it will collect assessments imposed on its homeowners by the Primary Development HOA for services, materials, equipment, or other justifiable benefits not being provided by the Related Development HOA.
2. The Related Development HOA shall include in its ByLaws language that indicates that all such assessments imposed in 1 above shall be paid by the homeowners to the Related Development HOA and not directly to the Primary Development HOA.
3. The Related Development HOA shall include in its ByLaws language that indicates that the Primary Development HOA will maintain a separate account and records for such assessments imposed in 1 above and that such records will be made available to its homeowners upon written request to the Related Development HOA in accordance with the Primary Development HOA Bylaws.
4. The Related Development HOA shall include in its ByLaws language that indicates it will review all assessments imposed by the Primary Development to ensure that they are fair and proportionate to the benefits the homeowners in the Related Development receive.

SOUTH HAMPTON TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (the "Declaration"), made on the date hereinafter set forth by The Southampton Corporation, a Maryland corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant",

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, a certain Declaration for South Hampton Townhouse Association, Inc., dated February 16, 1993 was recorded on April 20, 1993 among the Land Records of Charles County, Maryland, in Liber 1773 at Folio 98 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.08(b) of the Declaration provides, in pertinent part, that the Declaration may be amended by the Declarant provided that Class B memberships exist; and

WHEREAS, the Declarant is the owner of all of the remaining Class B memberships as defined by Section 4.02 of the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.03 of the Declaration provided for an initial maximum annual assessment for the Association of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). Upon the establishment of the budget, the Association expanded the responsibilities of the Association to include trash pickup, after determining that trash service could be provided more economically through the Association than through contract negotiation by each Owner. Section 5.03 permits an increase in the maximum annual assessment by an amount needed to pay such additional expenses. The Declarant desires to record this First Amendment to establish the increased maximum annual assessment for the benefit of future purchasers within the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the purposes aforesaid, the Declarant hereby declares that the Declaration is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. Section 5.03 of the Declaration is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Initial Annual Assessment. The initial annual assessment for each Lot shall not exceed Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00). Any lots owned by the Declarant shall be subject to an assessment equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessment applicable to Lots not owned by the Declarant. Notwithstanding the

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replacements or contingencies, charges accruing under any cross-easement or reciprocal easement agreements. Finally, the assessments shall be used to pay for any and all other maintenance responsibilities of the Association including, but not limited to the maintenance of any entrance features or signage appurtenant to or serving or benefiting the Community, retaining or separation walls, parking lots, recreational facilities (whether located on the Common Area and/or on one (1) or more Lots) and any other properties or facilities the Association may determine to maintain pursuant to this Declaration. Some Common Areas, such as parking lots and landscaped areas, are for the sole benefit of less than all of the Lots in the Association. The Lots benefitted by the Common Area should be solely responsible for the maintenance of said property. To ensure that the assessment for each Lot is equitable, non-uniform rates of assessment to allow for such maintenance shall be established in accordance with paragraph 5.06 below.

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration, the Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation to the contrary, the Association shall be responsible for maintaining any and all storm water management facilities, including, without limitation, ponds, basins, oil/grit separator apparatus or equipment and drainage areas, whether such facilities are located within the Property or not, which are designed to benefit or serve any portion of the Property and are required to be maintained by the Association.

Section 5.03. Initial Annual Assessment. The initial maximum annual assessment for each Lot shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). Any lots owned by the Declarant shall be subject to an assessment equal to twenty five percent (25%) of the assessment applicable to lots not owned by the Declarant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant shall pay the full annual and special assessments for Lots owned by Declarant upon which a dwelling unit has been completed and is occupied by a party other than the Declarant. Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant hereby covenants and agrees for the benefit of each Class A member to pay any and all expenses incurred by the Association during the Deficit Period (as such term is hereinafter defined) in furtherance of its purposes to the extent that the annual and special assessments levied during the Deficit Period are insufficient to pay such expenses; provided, however, that at such time as the Declarant has paid what would equal one hundred percent (100%) of the assessments for its Lots, had it not been entitled to a reduced assessment, then the Declarant shall only be obligated to pay any further assessments during that annual period in an amount equal to what would be due for such Lots had they been owned by a Class A member. As used herein, the term "Deficit Period" shall mean that period of time



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commencing on the date of recordation of this Declaration and ending on the earlier of: (i) the date on which the Class B membership lapses and becomes a nullity in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration; or (ii) the date upon which the Declarant, in writing and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, declares that it (from the date specified in such recorded writing) waives its right to not pay any assessments on Lots owned by the Declarant in accordance with this Section 5.03. The Declarant may make such Declaration with respect to less than all of the Lots owned, to be owned or to be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association in which event the deficit period shall terminate only with respect to those Lots specifically described.

From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased by the Board of Directors of the Association, without a vote of the Class A membership, by an amount equal to (i) five percent (5%) of the maximum annual assessment for the preceding year, plus (ii) the amount by which any *ad valorem* real estate taxes and insurance premiums payable by the Association have increased over amounts payable for the same or similar items for the previous year, plus (iii) the amount by which the Association has incurred or anticipates incurring increased operating expenses by reason of the completion, annexation or addition of facilities within the Common Area and/or additional Common Area, plus (iv) the amount by which the Association has incurred or anticipates incurring additional obligations or responsibilities in performing its duties and responsibilities in accordance with this Declaration.

From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased above the amount permitted above by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members who are voting, in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

If the Board of Directors determines that the functions of the Association may be properly funded by an annual assessment less than the initial maximum annual assessment set forth above, or less than the maximum annual assessment subsequently increased pursuant to this Section 5.03, then the Board of Directors may levy such lesser assessment as it deems appropriate.

**South Hampton Townhouse Owners  
 Petition for Among Other Things, the Following:  
 Eliminate Costs Affiliated with Two HOA Management Companies for South Hampton Townhouses**

Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Sign by Your Name (see signatures at <a href="#">Petition - Eliminate Costs Affiliated with Two HOA Management Companies for South Hampton Townhouses - Change.org</a> )	Address
South Hampton Townhouse Owners				US	12/27/2023		
Trisha Butler	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	12/30/2023		
Terrilyn Briscoe	Prince Frederick	MD	20678	US	12/30/2023		
Marlene Coles	Ft. Washington	MD	20744	US	12/30/2023		
Deanne Wiggins	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	12/30/2023		
Amanda Caddell	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	12/30/2023		
Camille Morris	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	12/30/2023		
Stephanie Gray	Bryan's Road	MD	20616	US	12/30/2023		
Jill angelichio	Charlotte	NC	28204	US	12/30/2023		

Renee Powell	Washington	DC	20012	US	12/30/2023		
Tunisia Johnson	Bryand Road	MD	20616	US	12/30/2023		
Janet Thomas	Apopka	FL	32703	US	12/30/2023		
Tammi Crank	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	12/30/2023		
ShaNice Stokes	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	12/30/2023		
Brittany Blyther	Beltsville	MD	20705	US	12/30/2023		
Lenise Smith-Walters	Accokeek	MD	20607	US	12/30/2023		
Dynese Davis	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	12/31/2023		
Jada Dorvilme	White Plains	MD	20695	US	12/31/2023		
Sandra Page	Prince Frederick	MD	20678	US	12/31/2023		
Sean Baker	Los Angeles			US	1/1/2024		
Tekoya Barnes	Bryan's Road	MD	20616	US	1/1/2024		

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Christopher Ware	Bryans road	MD	20616	US	1/1/2024		
Hesham Soliman	Friendswood		77546	US	1/1/2024		
Shantel Lambert-Hardy	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/1/2024		
Ronald Flood	Falls Church	VA	22042	US	1/1/2024		
Maya McCoy	Falls Church	VA	22042	US	1/1/2024		
Aaron Mills	Baltimore	MD	21224	US	1/1/2024		
Mohammed El-Rasheed Jr	Washington	DC	20011	US	1/1/2024		
Barbara Allen	Bryans RD	MD	20616	US	1/1/2024		
B Harris	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/1/2024		
Cherlyn Thompson	Baltimore	MD	21223	US	1/1/2024		
Paul Jr.	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/1/2024		

Tatyana Coria	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/1/2024		
Austin Ward	Corvallis	OR	97330	US	1/2/2024		
Jamyra Wall	Ellenwood		30294	US	1/2/2024		
Bernita Lambert	Washington	DC	20024	US	1/2/2024		
Dalia Elzayatie	Lansdale		19446	US	1/2/2024		
Carla Chrisp	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/2/2024		
Victor Rosas	Altus		73521	US	1/3/2024		
Cindy Ruiz	Newport News		23606	US	1/3/2024		
Miguel Angel Vega piña	Phoenix		85339	US	1/3/2024		
Ludwin Mendoza	New Orleans		70130	US	1/4/2024		
Anthony Lopez	Pomona		91766	US	1/4/2024		
Tomas Chanchavac Martinez	Houston		77035	US	1/4/2024		

Ines Salas	Riverside		92509	US	1/4/2024		
Aurelio Guivas	Revere		2151	US	1/4/2024		
Yadira Navarro	Santa Cruz		95062	US	1/4/2024		
Fredy Tambriz	Piscataway		8854	US	1/4/2024		
George Taipe	Brooklyn		11207	US	1/4/2024		
Jonathan Matute	Atlanta		30349	US	1/4/2024		
Carlo's De la Vega	Coronado		92118	US	1/4/2024		
Evelin Ibanez-castro	Bristol		19007	US	1/4/2024		
Eder Ortega	Gilbert		85234	US	1/4/2024		
Tint O'Connor	Alexandria	VA	22304	US	1/4/2024		
Juan Rodriguez	Gaithersburg		20878	US	1/4/2024		
Adriana Cruz	Los Angeles		90022	US	1/4/2024		

Esteban United states	Chester		29706	US	1/4/2024		
Abelina Maas	Los Angeles		90022	US	1/4/2024		
Danny Rivera	HARTFORD		6120	US	1/4/2024		
Eder Orozco	St. Petersburg		33709	US	1/4/2024		
Emerson Enamorado	College Station		77845	US	1/4/2024		
Bruney Buele	Worcester		1601	US	1/4/2024		
Yosselyn Bonilla	Gaithersburg		20878	US	1/4/2024		
Lucia Romero	Irving		75038	US	1/4/2024		
Cristobal Maldonado	Philadelphia		19139	US	1/4/2024		
Edgar Muñoz	Chicago		60616	US	1/4/2024		
Javier Torres	Sacramento		94204	US	1/4/2024		
Jeremy Medrano pineda	Seattle	WA	98188	US	1/4/2024		

Nallely Hernandez	DeBary		32713	US	1/4/2024		
Kevin Hernandez	Philadelphia		19140	US	1/4/2024		
Natasha Taylor	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Sergio Gutierrez	Houston		77016	US	1/4/2024		
Yat soria Linda viviana	Orlando		32808	US	1/4/2024		
Erika Rikhiram	Clermont		34711	US	1/4/2024		
Liz Williams	Troutdale		97030	US	1/4/2024		
Ana Jimenez	Salinas		93905	US	1/4/2024		
Jessica Watson	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Jeron Jeffers	BRYANS ROAD	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Beverly Sanders	Accokeek	MD	20607	US	1/4/2024		
Martha Quintero	Taft		93268	US	1/4/2024		



Kimberley Isreal	Bryan's Road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Estefani Orellana	Saint Louis		63114	US	1/4/2024		
Josue Gamez	Washington		20001	US	1/4/2024		
Victor Lopez	Houston		77040	US	1/4/2024		
Jennifer Valerio	New Brunswick		8873	US	1/4/2024		
Medinat Lawal	Chicago		60659	US	1/4/2024		
David Lopez	Memphis		38116	US	1/4/2024		
Avi Francisco	Iowa		50317	US	1/4/2024		
Stephanie Graves	La Plata	MD	20646	US	1/4/2024		
Tyler Campbell	Fort Washington	MD	20744	US	1/4/2024		
Lynda Biaou	Rockville	MD	20852	US	1/4/2024		
Barbara Erby-Young	Hyattsville	MD	20782	US	1/4/2024		

Erika Vaughan	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Devin Briscoe	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Kaniesha Wilkerson	Ft. Washington	MD	20744	US	1/4/2024		
K Carroll	Woodbridge	VA	22191	US	1/4/2024		
Checunya Stevenson	Bryan's Road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Marie H	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
jemero harris	Oxon Hill	MD	20745	US	1/4/2024		
Carol Butler	Alexandria	VA	22312	US	1/4/2024		
Vincent Jones	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Myia Flemmings	Bryans road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Natali Manning	Charlotte Hall	MD	20659	US	1/4/2024		
Shaneka Martin	Ft. Washington	MD	20744	US	1/4/2024		

Keshia Armstrong	Accokeek	MD	20607	US	1/4/2024		
Bethany Kregar	Accokeek	MD	20607	US	1/4/2024		
Sandra Storms	Ft. Washington	MD	20744	US	1/4/2024		
Lashauntay Yeldell	College Park	MD	20740	US	1/4/2024		
Herbert Dark	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Jamesha Yorkshire	Waldorf	MD	20601	US	1/4/2024		
Alicia Hair	Bryans road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		
Diasia Atkins	Silver Spring	MD	20904	US	1/4/2024		
Jazmine Gale	Bryans Road	MD	21045	US	1/4/2024		
Daphne M. Weeks-Gale	Washington	DC	20011	US	1/4/2024		
Angela BradfordLartey	Waldorf	MD	20602	US	1/4/2024		
Brittany Bolden	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/4/2024		

Kaina Brice	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/5/2024		
Gordon Poston	Kingstree		29556	US	1/5/2024		
Rose Witcher	Brooklyn		11208	US	1/5/2024		
Valerie Ellis	Charles county	MD	20616	US	1/5/2024		
Jackie Chacon	Lynn		1902	US	1/5/2024		
Tracy Smith	Silver Spring	MD	20901	US	1/5/2024		
Jessica Whiting	Greenbelt	MD	20770	US	1/5/2024		
Kateryn Vasquez	Washington		20002	US	1/5/2024		
Paul Markillie	Grand Blanc Township		48439	US	1/5/2024		
Gretchen Servito	Bryans Re	MD	20616	US	1/5/2024		
Caphana Fontrose	Orange Park		32073	US	1/5/2024		
Lanisha McCoy	Waldorf	MD	20601	US	1/5/2024		

Jihad Olley	Ft. Washington	MD	20744	US	1/5/2024		
Symone Olley	Ft. Washington	MD	20744	US	1/5/2024		
Tijera Williams	Long Beach		90815	US	1/5/2024		
Rochelle Reid	Bryan's road	MD	20616	US	1/6/2024		
Nia Stallings	Chesapeake		23320	US	1/6/2024		
Leandro Vicente	Chesterfield		23236	US	1/6/2024		
Richard Villarreal	Baytown		77520	US	1/6/2024		
Todd Freeman	Portland		97206	US	1/6/2024		
Robyn Pickett-Ford	New York	NY	10065	US	1/6/2024		
Angela Fenwick	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/10/2024		
Marylou Perez	Los Angeles		96929	US	1/10/2024		
Arlethea Adams	Ft. Washington	MD	20744	US	1/10/2024		

Joyce Fadahunsi	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/10/2024		
Matthew Powell	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/11/2024		
Mirza Basravi	Irvine		92606	US	1/11/2024		
Valerie A Henson	Waldorf	MD	20601	US	1/12/2024		
Tracey Davis	Rockville	MD	20852	US	1/12/2024		
Kim Humphries	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/14/2024		
Joyce Blue	Bryans Road	MD	20616	US	1/14/2024		
Starteese Lindsay	Bryan's Road	MD	20616	US	1/15/2024		
GLORIA SAWYERS	Bryans Road, MD	MD	20616	US	1/23/2024		
Larry Mccuan	Oklahoma City		73106	US	1/25/2024		
Mimi Morgan	Minneapolis		55406	US	1/25/2024		
Reid Alejandro	Belvidere		61008	US	1/26/2024		

Ruby Tilder	New Cumberland		17070	US	1/26/2024		
Jean Talinowski	Breezy Point		11697	US	1/26/2024		
Olivia Marcum	Louisville		40241	US	1/26/2024		
ZZ			40864	US	1/26/2024		



**SOUTH HAMPTON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
2024 BUDGET (BASED ON 548 UNITS)**

<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>SINGLE FAMILY HOME ASSESSMENT INCOME</b> (\$440.00 times 228 homes)	<b>100,320.00</b>
<b>TOWNHOME ASSESSMENT INCOME</b> (\$220.00 times 320 homes)	<b>70,400.00</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE FEES REIMBURSABLE</b> (Billed back to homeowners)	<b>500.00</b>
<b>LATE NOTICE FEES REIMBURSABLE</b> (Billed back to homeowners)	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>LEGAL REFERRAL FEES REIMBURSABLE</b> (Billed back to homeowners)	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>ATTORNEY FEES REIMBURSABLE</b> (Recovered from homeowners)	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS</b> (Based on 10% delinquencies)	<b>(10,032.00)</b>
<b>INTEREST</b> (on savings accounts and CDs)	<b>300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$197,488.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>BANK CHARGES</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Service charges of up to \$15.00 monthly	
<b>OFFICE &amp; POSTAGE EXPENSE</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
Office supplies, printing costs, postage, etc.	
<b>STORAGE</b>	<b>1,900.00</b>
Storage facility to store HOA related items	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE FEES REIMBURSABLE</b>	<b>500.00</b>
NSF return checks, re-bill fees, etc. (Billed back to homeowners)	
<b>LATE NOTICE FEES REIMBURSABLE</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
Cost of sending late notices for nonpayment of assessments (Billed back to homeowners)	
<b>LEGAL REFERRAL FEES REIMBURSABLE</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
Cost of referrals to attorney for collection (Billed back to homeowners)	
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
Webpage	
<b>INSURANCE</b>	<b>5,200.00</b>
General Liability, Directors & Officers, Liability & Property Coverage	
<b>BAD DEBT</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
Assessments that need to be written off due to bankruptcies, foreclosures, etc.	
<b>ELECTRICITY/STREETLIGHTS</b>	<b>375.00</b>
Cost of electricity for common area streetlights	
<b>TRASH REMOVAL</b>	<b>52,000.00</b>
Cost of weekly curb pick up	
<b>GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
Mowing, fertilizing, edging, pruning, weed control, mulching, etc., of common grounds	
<b>SOCAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
Cost of social events	
<b>REPAIR/MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>
Cost of repairs or routine maintenance of the common areas	
<b>LEGAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
Cost of document review, opinion letters from attorney, etc.	
<b>ACCOUNTING EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,650.00</b>
Audit & tax preparation performed by an independent CPA	
<b>MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>17,124.00</b>
Fee for professional services provided by management firm	
<b>ATTORNEY FEES REIMBURSABLE</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
Recovery of delinquent accounts, lawsuits	
<b>COURT APPEARANCES</b>	<b>500.00</b>
Cost for Management to attend court	
<b>RESERVE FUND CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>19,739.00</b>
Cost of funding reserves for future replacements of major assets	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$197,488.00</b>

## 2024 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

### \$440.00 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

\$110.00 quarterly installments due on or before - January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> & October 15<sup>th</sup>

### \$220.00 TOWNHOMES

\$55.00 quarterly installments due on or before - January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> & October 15<sup>th</sup>



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**Annual Budget**

South Hampton Townhouse Association, Inc.

2024

Account	Year 2022 Actual \$202.46/Qtr	Year 2023 Approved \$202.46/Qtr	Year 2024 Proposed \$202.46/Qtr
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Assessment Income</b>			
Homeowner Dues Income	214,791.80	259,148.80	259,148.80
Late Fee Income	16,956.57	1,000.00	1,000.00
Arch Fees Income	1,390.56	500.00	500.00
NSF	268.00	0.00	0.00
Collections Cost Income	5,744.51	0.00	0.00
Legal Fees Income	4,464.15	500.00	500.00
Parking Pass Replacement	1,275.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>244,890.59</b>	<b>261,148.80</b>	<b>261,148.80</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>			
Administrative Fees	550.00	600.00	600.00
Audit and Accounting	2,475.00	2,575.00	2,575.00
Bad Debt Expense	3,550.43	38,872.32	38,872.32
Bank Service Charges	6.00	150.00	100.00
Community Events	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	7,315.36	7,000.00	7,350.00
Legal - General	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Legal - Small Claims	11,145.70	6,000.00	6,000.00
Management Contract	43,609.92	44,918.30	46,265.85
Meeting Expenses	0.00	150.00	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00	200.00	200.00
Postage and Delivery	1,105.46	1,500.00	1,200.00
Printing and Copying	2,871.59	3,000.00	3,000.00
Taxes	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Trash Pickup Contract	59,417.50	59,520.00	59,520.00
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>132,046.96</b>	<b>167,485.62</b>	<b>166,683.17</b>
<b>Utilities</b>			
Electric	6561.47	7,300.00	7,000.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>6561.47</b>	<b>7,300.00</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>			
Electrical/Lighting Rep/Maint	0.00	500.00	500.00
Fence Rep/Maint	540.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
General Repairs and	50.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Playground Rep/Maint	0.00	2,000.00	500.00
Road/Walkway Rep/Maint	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Signage Rep/Maint	1,015.00	300.00	300.00
<b>Total Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>	<b>1,605.00</b>	<b>9,800.00</b>	<b>8,300.00</b>
<b>Grounds Maintenance</b>			
Grounds Maintenance	8,060.00	4,000.00	4,750.00
Landscaping (Contracted)	42,405.00	42,405.00	45,898.00
Snow Removal	7,484.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Storm Water Management	21,520.00	10,000.00	7,500.00
Tree Removal/Pruning	10,194.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
<b>Total Grounds Maintenance</b>	<b>89,663.00</b>	<b>69,905.00</b>	<b>71,648.00</b>
<b>Reserve Activity</b>			
Budgeted Reserve Contribution	0.00	6,658.18	7,517.63
<b>Total Reserve Activity</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,658.18</b>	<b>7,517.63</b>
<b>Total OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>229,876.43</b>	<b>261,148.80</b>	<b>261,148.80</b>
<b>Net - Operating Totals</b>	<b>15,014.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**From:** [Charles County Government](#)  
**To:** [Danielle E. Mitchell](#); [County Attorney](#)  
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### Legislative Proposals

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#### Questions or More Information 301-645-0555

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#### Contact Person Name

Cooper Raleigh

#### Contact Person Email

[REDACTED]

#### Contact Person Phone

[REDACTED]

#### Contact Person Address

[REDACTED]

Indian Head, MD 20640

#### Proposal Summary (Describe proposal in 1 sentence)

To include the flexibility for Intrafamily Transfers in the Tier 4 septic zoning and the § 278-16: Major subdivisions and § 278-17: Minor subdivisions legislation

#### Code References (List any sections/chapters of the Charles County or State Code that you believe would be impacted by the proposal, if known)

§ 278-16: Major subdivisions § 278-17: Minor subdivisions ZTA #22-170

#### Problem (Describe the problem the proposal addresses)

The way the law is written currently excludes intrafamily Transfers in Tier 4 zoning and the cited Charles County code listed under the code references

**Solution (Explain how the proposal addresses the problem).**

Amending the Tier 4 zoning and the Minor and Major Subdivision legislation will give families the flexibility to subdivide between their kin.

**Organizational Support (List any organizations that would likely be in support of the proposal, even if not confirmed).**

Libertarian Central Committee of Southern Maryland Charles County Democratic Central Committee Charles County Republican Central Committee \*\*Not an Organization but the Residents of Smallwood Estates who were not aware of this zoning law

**Proposed Draft Language (Provide draft language for the legislation if you have it).**

Legislation to Amend § 278-17: Minor subdivisions and § 278-16: Major subdivisions to include the flexibility for Intrafamily Transfers in Tier 4 septic zoning

**Other Information To Note**

**Attachment(s)**

[Proposal to Amend Subdividing and Septic Tiering \(1\).pdf](#)

Thank you,  
**Charles County, MD**

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Good evening Commissioners,

My name is Cooper Raleigh, and I am writing this proposal in the hope to amend [§ 278-17: Minor subdivisions](#) and [§ 278-16: Major subdivisions](#) in the Tier 4 zoning to include the flexibility for Intrafamily Transfers. This all stems from an inquiry to subdivide 7025 Rison Drive in Indian Head of which my grandmother Donna Finneyfrock is the property owner. It is a sixteen-and-a-half-acre lot that is zoned RC (Rural Conservation) which permits a density of 1 dwelling unit per 3 acres. I have acquired the satisfactory perc's from my grandmother's lot, sufficient acreage for RC zoning, and assumed the next action would be to contact a surveyor to record the perc's and eventually subdivide. After the surveyor informed me, it could not be subdivided I contacted Heather Kelley, and she informed me up to this point that everything was in order and the only thing keeping me from subdividing is the Tier 4 zoning which does not allow for major subdivisions. After doing my research and talking with Sue Greer I was informed I would need the help of the county commissioner's office to amend the legislation. As recently as 7/28/2023 there was a public hearing on the Watershed Conservation District to include Intrafamily Transfers as an exception to the WCD without Amending the required dwelling unit acreage (ZTA #22-170) and I am urging you to include Intrafamily Transfers in the Tier 4 zonings as well.

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**To:** [Danielle E. Mitchell](#); [County Attorney](#)  
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#### Contact Person Name

Mark Koch

#### Contact Person Email

[REDACTED]

#### Contact Person Phone

[REDACTED]

#### Contact Person Address

[REDACTED]

LaPlata, MD 20646

#### Proposal Summary (Describe proposal in 1 sentence)

Charles County Student Transportation Services – Provider Displacement to protect the 24 Charles County student bus companies, 17 of which are small minority and women owned, from being displaced.

#### Code References (List any sections/chapters of the Charles County or State Code that you believe would be impacted by the proposal, if known)

N/A

#### Problem (Describe the problem the proposal addresses)

Our 24 community based companies are primarily minority-owned, operate over 358 buses and employ over 450 Charles County bus drivers and attendants. Each year our businesses take a significant financial risk when purchasing school buses that cost approximately \$125,000.00 to \$150,000.00. In order to obtain financing, the Lenders require the School Bus Contractors and their spouses to guarantee financing by using their family homes and other assets as collateral. The term of most loans is five to six years. This puts the Contractor at risk of losing their home if the School system terminates a contract within that five to six year time frame. The Contractors are requesting this legislation as a means of mitigating the above risk. The proposed legislation does not preclude the School system from providing transportation services in-house. Instead, it ensures the Contractor has the ability to financially plan for such action and determine an appropriate financial exit strategy.

**Solution (Explain how the proposal addresses the problem).**

The Contractors are requesting this legislation as a means of mitigating the above risk. The proposed legislation does not preclude the School system from providing transportation services in-house. Instead, it ensures the Contractor has the ability to financially plan for such action and determine an appropriate financial exit strategy for both the School Bus Contractor and the Contractor's bus drivers and attendants.

**Organizational Support (List any organizations that would likely be in support of the proposal, even if not confirmed).**

All 24 student bus transportation companies, Charles County Chamber of Commerce, Southern MD Small Minority Chamber of Commerce, NAACP, parent groups, Maryland School Bus Contractors Association

**Proposed Draft Language (Provide draft language for the legislation if you have it).**

Requesting legislation that requires a local jurisdiction/BOE to 1) provide no less than 10 years advance notice of intent to displace; and, 2) hold a certain public hearing and provide certain public notice no less than five (5) years before taking any action that results in the displacement of a private person, business, or legal entity that has been providing student transportation services within the County for that jurisdiction school system. Displacement would mean the provision of student transportation services by a governing body of a County or the local Board of Education in a manner that precludes a private person, business or legal entity that has been providing the service and is licensed and certified to provide the service from continuing to do so.

**Other Information To Note**

Of 24 Charles County School Bus Contractors, 17 of the businesses are women-owned, minority owned or women and minority owned.

**Attachment(s)**

[Displacement Services Document-8-15-24.docx](#)

[Cover Letter - Proposed Legislation 8-15-24.docx](#)

Thank you,

**Charles County, MD**

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**CHARLES COUNTY  
SCHOOL BUS  
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

August 15, 2024

**VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL**

Rueben B. Collins, President  
Charles County Commissioners  
200 Baltimore Street  
La Plata Maryland 20646

***Re: Legislative Proposal; Student Transportation Services; Displacement of Provider***

Dear Commissioner Collins:

On behalf of the twenty-four (24) independent family owned School Bus Contractors, please find attached a legislative proposal designed to equitably address potential displacement of the small locally owned businesses who have served the Charles County community for over 90 years.

Our 24 community based companies are primarily minority-owned, operate over 358 buses and employ over 450 Charles County bus drivers and attendants. Our companies safely transport more than 23,000 students each day to and from school and other activities, traveling over 6.2 million miles each year, serving the thirty-seven (37) public schools, serving the non-public schools and providing out-of-county and special need bus transportation. The safety of our school children is our highest priority.

Each year our businesses take a significant financial risk when purchasing school buses that cost approximately \$125,000.00 to \$150,000.00. In order to obtain financing, the Lenders require the School Bus Contractors and their spouses to guarantee financing by using their family homes and other assets as collateral. The term of most loans is five to six years. This puts the Contractor at

risk of losing their home if the School system terminates a contract within that five to six year time frame.

The Contractors are requesting this legislation as a means of mitigating the above risk. The proposed legislation does not preclude the School system from providing transportation services in-house. Instead, it ensures the Contractor has the ability to financially plan for such action and determine an appropriate financial exit strategy for both the School Bus Contractor and the Contractor's bus drivers and attendants.

Our hope is that you will view the legislation favorable and advance it to the Charles County Delegation for review and introduction. Our businesses are dedicated providing our children a quality education from the moment a child steps on the bus until the moment a child returns home. We are humbly seeking stability and certainty for our businesses, our employees and our families in the provision of this service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information or have any questions.

Respectfully,

**CHARLES COUNTY SCHOOL BUS  
CONTRACTOR'S ASSOCIATION**

**Mark Koch, President**

**[Mark\\_Kochtrucking@comcast.net](mailto:Mark_Kochtrucking@comcast.net)**

**301.751.6874**





## **Suggested Draft Language for Legislation**

### **Charles County Student Transportation Services – Provider Displacement**

For the Purpose of:

Requesting legislation that requires a local jurisdiction/BOE to 1) provide no less than 10 years advance notice of intent to displace; and, 2) hold a certain public hearing and provide certain public notice no less than five (5) years before taking any action that results in the displacement of a private person, business, or legal entity that has been providing student transportation services within the County for that jurisdiction school system...

Displacement would mean the provision of student transportation services by a governing body of a County or the local Board of Education in a manner that precludes a private person, business or legal entity that has been providing the service and is licensed and certified to provide the service from continuing to do so.

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#### Proposal Summary (Describe proposal in 1 sentence)

Looking to make Miniature Golf EXEMPT from the Charles County Admissions and Amusement (A&A) tax law and reduce the tax rate on all other activities in the county that are subjected to the tax from 10% to 1%.

#### Code References (List any sections/chapters of the Charles County or State Code that you believe would be impacted by the proposal, if known)

ARTICLE IV Admissions and Amusement Tax - § 281-5

**Problem (Describe the problem the proposal addresses)**

10% tax of all gross revenue generated for a mom and pop mini-golf establishment is extremely excessive. Not only does this prevent us from improving and enhancing the venue for our customers with thousands of dollars spent on taxes each month, it also strains the customer with in-store purchases. For example, if a couple wants to purchase two (2) \$100 arcade cards, they have to pay \$120 with \$20 solely for tax. Even a child who wants to buy a one (1) dollar card or put a dollar of value on an existing card, he/she is charged \$1.10 even if they only have \$1 in their pocket. Of course, this tax also effects our bottom line as a business and its ability to just exist.

**Solution (Explain how the proposal addresses the problem).**

We would like to propose that Miniature Golf be EXEMPT in Charles County and reduce all other activities subjected to the A&A tax down from 10% to 1%. Currently, the tax rate for Charles County is 10% across the board for all types of Admissions and Recreational businesses. In 2003, Calvert County's tax rate was also established at 10%. 3 years later in 2006, it dropped to 1% for ALL activities. St Mary's county is 2% for all activities and only 1% for movies. Bowling Alleys are 100% EXEMPT in the state of Maryland. In Harford County, Miniature Golf is currently EXEMPT. I would like to propose that miniature golf in Charles County be exempt from the A&A tax and that all other admissions and amusements be lowered from 10% to 1%.

**Organizational Support (List any organizations that would likely be in support of the proposal, even if not confirmed).**

Sky Zone, Chuck E Cheese, AMC Movie Theater, Bad Axe, Southern Maryland Paintball, White Plains Mini-Golf and driving range, Action JAXX, R&H Escape Rooms, Smash Pit, ALL independent youth sports leagues in the county (all football programs, baseball programs, soccer etc..), and any other establishment that is a recreation or implies some sort of amusement admission.

**Proposed Draft Language (Provide draft language for the legislation if you have it).**

Update ARTICLE IV Admissions and Amusement Tax - § 281-5 to the following: Miniature Golf - EXEMPT ALL other activities - 1%

**Other Information To Note**

**Attachment(s)**

Thank you,  
**Charles County, MD**

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#### Contact Person Phone

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#### Contact Person Address

Jenkins Law Firm LLC 103 Centennial St.  
Ste. K  
La Plata, MD 20646

#### Proposal Summary (Describe proposal in 1 sentence)

To alter the existing Charles County Baseball Stadium by renaming it and by authorizing the sale and consumption of liquor throughout the stadium rather than only in specified stadium locations.

#### Code References (List any sections/chapters of the Charles County or State Code that you believe would be impacted by the proposal, if known)

AB Section 18-1001.

**Problem (Describe the problem the proposal addresses)**

See attached letter and statutory markup.

**Solution (Explain how the proposal addresses the problem).**

See attached letter and statutory markup.

**Organizational Support (List any organizations that would likely be in support of the proposal, even if not confirmed).**

Board of License Commissioners for Charles County.

**Proposed Draft Language (Provide draft language for the legislation if you have it).**

See attached letter and statutory markup.

**Other Information To Note**

A new law went into effect 7/1/24 for Washington County, the site of a new baseball stadium in Hagerstown, permitting the sale of beer, wine & liquor within a similar facility. (SB853/HB0920) site of a new

**Attachment(s)**

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Thank you,

**Charles County, MD**

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David J. Martinez  
[David@jenkinslawfirmllc.com](mailto:David@jenkinslawfirmllc.com)

July 30, 2024

Danielle Mitchell, Assistant Deputy County Attorney  
Charles County Attorney's Office  
200 Baltimore St.  
La Plata, MD 20646

Re: Request for inclusion of proposed state legislative change to the existing Charles County baseball stadium license in the 2025 Commissioner State Legislative Package.

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

This office represent Crabs on Deck, LLC, the owner of the baseball club operating in the county owned Regency Furniture Stadium. Crabs on Deck submits the attached proposal for the consideration of the Charles County Commissioners for inclusion in this year's state legislative package. The main requested modifications are to change the name of the license and to permit the sale and consumption of liquor within the entire stadium. A copy of the current statute with the proposed statute markup is attached.

Please contact me if you need anything further.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DJM", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Martinez  
Enc.

## 2024 Legislative Proposal on behalf of Crabs on Deck, LLC

Proposal: To alter the existing Baseball stadium beer, wine and liquor license in Charles County to be a multi-use sports and events facility beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption throughout the multi-use sports and events facility.

AB § 18-1001. Baseball stadium license.

(a) There is a Class B-~~MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY Stadium (baseball stadium)~~ beer, wine, and liquor license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to:

(1) the owner of a professional team franchise, whether the franchise is a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company; or

(2) a private concessionaire that is under contract with the county or a professional baseball team franchise.

(c)

(1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor on the premises of a ~~MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENT FACILITY baseball stadium~~ owned or operated by the county to individuals present at ~~AN EVENT baseball game or other event~~ held at the ~~stadium: MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENT FACILITY.~~

(2)

(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, beer, wine, and liquor shall be served in plastic, ~~Styrofoam, or~~ paper ~~OR OTHER NON-GLASS~~ containers on the stadium premises.

(ii) Beer, wine, and liquor may be served in glass containers in an enclosed stadium dining area in which patrons are seated.

(3) A patron:

(i) may consume and carry beer, ~~and~~ wine ~~AND LIQUOR~~ anywhere on the stadium premises, ~~but~~

(ii)

~~1. may consume liquor only in an enclosed stadium dining area or bar; and~~

~~2. may not carry liquor out of the enclosed stadium dining area or bar.~~

**(4)** The license holder may not allow an individual to carry alcoholic beverages onto or from the licensed premises.

**(d)** Except as provided in regulations adopted under subsection (e) of this section, the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license under § 18-2004 of this title.

**(e)** The Board may adopt regulations relating to:

**(1)** the manner of serving alcoholic beverages;

**(2)** the number of outlets authorized to serve alcoholic beverages; and

**(3)** the hours and days of sale.

**(f)** The annual license fee is \$2,200.

History

An. Code 1957, art. 2B, § 6-201(j)(9); 2016, ch. 8, § 5; ch. 41, § 2.



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Kathleen Quade

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#### Contact Person Phone

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La Plata, MD 20646

#### Proposal Summary (Describe proposal in 1 sentence)

Eliminate the requirement for an applicant for an alcohol license in Charles County to submit with their application a petition of residents in favor of said application from the election district of the requested establishment address.

#### Code References (List any sections/chapters of the Charles County or State Code that you believe would be impacted by the proposal, if known)

MD Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Code Ann 4-110

#### Problem (Describe the problem the proposal addresses)

Some election districts may cover as much as 40 miles from the proposed site for the alcohol license establishment address. Part of Election District 1 is Cobb Island to Hughesville; part of Election District 2 is Waldorf to Nanjemoy; the areas are nowhere near each other. As reviewed, many of the names and signatures on a petition are merely family members of the applicant or multiple family members from one or two households close to the proposed establishment. Petitions are not necessarily in line with the proposed establishment.

**Solution (Explain how the proposal addresses the problem).**

Remove the requirement for the petition in totality from the Code for Charles County.

**Organizational Support (List any organizations that would likely be in support of the proposal, even if not confirmed).**

Board of License Commissioners for Charles County.

**Proposed Draft Language (Provide draft language for the legislation if you have it).**

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La Plata, MD 20646

#### Proposal Summary (Describe proposal in 1 sentence)

Eliminate the requirement for publication two times in two successive weeks in two local newspapers (unless only one exists) prior to the Charles County Board of License Commissioners considering approval of an alcoholic license application.

#### Code References (List any sections/chapters of the Charles County or State Code that you believe would be impacted by the proposal, if known)

MD Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Code Ann. 4-208

**Problem (Describe the problem the proposal addresses)**

Charles County has its own Government website that includes all public notifications of meetings and hearings. Additionally, Charles County has its own social media page that includes notifications of meetings and hearings. Posting in a newspaper is a duplication of effort that is no longer required.

**Solution (Explain how the proposal addresses the problem).**

Eliminate the requirement for newspaper posting of Alcoholic Beverage Licensing agendas including all hearings and meetings.

**Organizational Support (List any organizations that would likely be in support of the proposal, even if not confirmed).**

Board of License Commissioners for Charles County.

**Proposed Draft Language (Provide draft language for the legislation if you have it).**

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Charles County Police Accountability Board  
Legislative Proposals – 2025 General Assembly Session

The Police Reform Act of 2021, codified at Maryland Annotated Code, Public Safety Article, Title 3, Subtitle 1 (the "Act"), requires that the Police Accountability Board ("PAB") for each county submit a report to the governing body of the county by December 31 for each year that, among other things, makes recommendations on changes to policy that would improve police accountability in the County.

The PAB annual report submitted for calendar year 2023 included three recommendations that require changes to the Maryland Code. Please consider the recommendations below for inclusion in the 2025 legislative proposal package to the Charles County Delegation.

- Amend Md. Code Ann. Public Safety Art. § 3-106(a)&(h) to allow the trial board process to be established by the ACC, and to allow the trial board case to be brought on behalf of the ACC.
- Amend Md. Code Ann. Public Safety Art. § 3-104(d) to clarify that vehicle collisions are not eligible for the ACC determination absent personal injury and a complaint filed by the member of the public.
- Amend Md. Public Safety Code Ann. § 3-105 to include a prohibition on inclusion of the position of the chief of the law enforcement agency in the offer of discipline until such time as the officer has declined the offer of discipline.

## [Md. Public Safety Code Ann. § 3-106](#)

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### **§ 3-106. Trial board process — Members — Training on police procedures — Open to public — Oaths and subpoenas — Trial board hearing — Burden of proof — Discipline for cause only — Finality.**

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(a)

~~(1)~~ Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each ~~law enforcement agency~~Administrative Charging Committee shall establish a trial board process in accordance with this section to adjudicate all matters for which a police officer is subject to discipline.

~~(2) A small law enforcement agency may use the trial board process of another law enforcement agency by mutual agreement.~~

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a trial board shall be composed of:

(i) an actively serving or retired administrative law judge or a retired judge of the District Court or a circuit court, appointed by the chief executive officer of the county;

(ii) a civilian who is not a member of an administrative charging committee, appointed by the county's police accountability board; and

(iii) a police officer of equal rank to the police officer who is accused of misconduct appointed by the head of the law enforcement agency.

(2)

(i) This paragraph may not be construed to apply to the Baltimore Police Department.

(ii) A trial board for a statewide or bi-county law enforcement agency shall be composed of:

1. an actively serving or retired administrative law judge appointed by the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings;

2. a civilian who is not a member of an administrative charging committee or the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, appointed by the police accountability board for the county where the alleged misconduct occurred; and

3. a police officer of equal rank to the police officer who is accused of misconduct appointed by the head of the law enforcement agency.

(c) The actively serving or retired administrative law judge or the retired judge of the District Court or a circuit court shall:

(1) be the chair of the trial board;

(2) be responsible for ruling on all motions before the trial board; and

(3) prepare the written decision of the trial board, including the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the trial board.

- (d) Before serving as a member of a trial board, an individual shall receive training on matters relating to police procedures from the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission.
- (e) Proceedings of a trial board shall be open to the public, except to protect:
- (1) a victim's identity;
  - (2) the personal privacy of an individual;
  - (3) a child witness;
  - (4) medical records;
  - (5) the identity of a confidential source;
  - (6) an investigative technique or procedure; or
  - (7) the life or physical safety of an individual.
- (f) A trial board may administer oaths and issue subpoenas as necessary to complete its work.
- (g) A complainant has the right to be notified of a trial board hearing and, except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the right to attend a trial board hearing.
- (h) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, ~~the Administrative Charging Committee~~ ~~a law enforcement agency~~ has the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence in any proceeding under this subtitle.
- (i) A police officer may be disciplined only for cause.
- (j) Within 45 days after the final hearing by a trial board, the trial board shall issue a written decision reflecting the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of a majority of the trial board.
- (k)
- (1) Within 30 days after the date of issuance of a decision of a trial board, the decision may be appealed by the police officer:
    - (i) if the trial board is from a local law enforcement agency, to the circuit court of the county in which the law enforcement agency is located;
    - (ii) if the trial board is from a bi-county law enforcement agency, to a circuit court in a county in which the incident that gave rise to the disciplinary proceeding occurred; and
    - (iii) if the trial board is from a statewide law enforcement agency, to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County.
  - (2) An appeal taken under this subsection shall be on the record.
- (l) A trial board decision is final unless appealed by a police officer under subsection (k) of this section.

## History

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[2021, ch. 59, § 3](#); [2022, ch. 141, § 2](#).

### Annotations

#### Effect of amendments. —

Acts 2022, ch. 141, § 2, effective July 1, 2022, added "all" in (a)(1); rewrote (b); added (c); redesignated former (c) through (h) as (d) through (i); substituted "subsection (e)" for "subsection (d)" in (g); added (j); redesignated former (i) as (k); substituted "police officer" for "employee" in the introductory language of (k)(1); added (k)(1)(ii); redesignated

former (k)(1)(ii) as (k)(1)(iii); deleted “or bi-county” following “statewide” in (k)(1)(iii); redesignated former (j) as (l); and made a related change.

**When charges have been “filed.” —**

Police department’s (department) administrative charges against police officers were not timely filed within one year because (1) charges were “filed” when signed by the police commissioner’s designee to protect officers from charges being dangled indefinitely over their heads, (2) this was not inconsistent with the department’s practice, (3) deeming charges filed on verbal approval alone did not provide the formality needed to review statutory compliance, (4) the department’s statutory interpretation based on conclusory litigation affidavits was entitled to little deference, and (5) the charges were not filed within the required time period. [Balt. Police Dep’t v. Brooks, 247 Md. App. 193, 233 A.3d 288, 2020 Md. App. LEXIS 770 \(2020\)](#).

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## [Md. Public Safety Code Ann. § 3-104](#)

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### **§ 3-104. Administrative charging committee — Statewide committee — Training on police procedures — Investigative files forwarded to committee — Meetings — Confidentiality.**

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(a)

(1) Each county shall have one administrative charging committee to serve countywide law enforcement agencies and local law enforcement agencies within the county.

(2) A county administrative charging committee shall be composed of:

(i) the chair of the county's police accountability board, or another member of the accountability board designated by the chair of the accountability board;

(ii) two civilian members selected by the county's police accountability board; and

(iii) two civilian members selected by the chief executive officer of the county.

(b)

(1) There shall be at least one statewide administrative charging committee to serve statewide and bi-county law enforcement agencies.

(2) A statewide administrative charging committee shall be composed of:

(i) three civilian members appointed by the Governor;

(ii) one civilian member appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(iii) one civilian member appointed by the Speaker of the House.

(c) Before serving as a member of an administrative charging committee, an individual shall receive training on matters relating to police procedures from the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission.

(d)

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, on completion of an investigation of a complaint of police misconduct involving a member of the public and a police officer, regardless of whether the complaint originated from within the law enforcement agency or from an external source, the law enforcement agency shall forward to the appropriate administrative charging committee the investigatory files for the matter.

(ii) An administrative charging committee shall not be forwarded the investigatory file of a complaint of police misconduct involving a member of the public for vehicle collisions unless the complaint is filed by an external source and alleges physical injury to the member of the public resulting from the vehicle collision.

(e) An administrative charging committee shall:

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## Md. Public Safety Code Ann. § 3-104

- (1) review the findings of a law enforcement agency's investigation conducted and forwarded in accordance with subsection (d) of this section;
  - (2) make a determination that the police officer who is subject to investigation shall be:
    - (i) administratively charged; or
    - (ii) not administratively charged;
  - (3) if the police officer is charged, recommend discipline in accordance with the law enforcement agency's disciplinary matrix established in accordance with § 3-105 of this subtitle;
  - (4) review any body camera footage that may be relevant to the matters covered in the complaint of misconduct;
  - (5) authorize a police officer called to appear before an administrative charging committee to be accompanied by a representative;
  - (6) issue a written opinion that describes in detail its findings, determinations, and recommendations; and
  - (7) forward the written opinion to the chief of the law enforcement agency, the police officer, and the complainant.
- (f) In executing its duties in accordance with subsection (e) of this section, an administrative charging committee may:
- (1) request information or action from the law enforcement agency that conducted the investigation, including requiring additional investigation and the issuance of subpoenas;
  - (2) if the police officer is not administratively charged, make a determination that:
    - (i) the allegations against the police officer are unfounded; or
    - (ii) the police officer is exonerated; and
  - (3) record, in writing, any failure of supervision that caused or contributed to a police officer's misconduct.
- (g) An administrative charging committee shall meet once per month or as needed.
- (h) A member of an administrative charging committee shall maintain confidentiality relating to a matter being considered by the administrative charging committee until final disposition of the matter.

## History

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[2021, ch. 59, § 3](#); [2022, ch. 141, § 2](#).

Annotations

## Notes

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### Effect of amendments. —

Acts 2022, ch. 141, § 2, effective July 1, 2022, substituted "complaint of police misconduct involving a member of the public and a police officer, regardless of whether the complaint originated from within the law enforcement agency or from an external source" for "complaint made by a member of the public against a police officer" in (d).

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### § 3-105. Model uniform disciplinary matrix — Adoption.

- (a) The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission shall develop and adopt, by regulation, a model uniform disciplinary matrix for use by each law enforcement agency in the State.
- (b) Each law enforcement agency shall adopt the uniform State disciplinary matrix for all matters that may result in discipline of a police officer.
- (c)
- (1) Within 15 days after an administrative charging committee issues an administrative charge against a police officer, the chief of the law enforcement agency shall **offer** discipline to the police officer who has been administratively charged in accordance with the disciplinary matrix.
  - (2) The chief may **offer** the same discipline that was recommended by the administrative charging committee or a higher degree of discipline within the applicable range of the disciplinary matrix, but may not deviate below the discipline recommended by the administrative charging committee. **The chief shall not provide the police officer with documentation of a recommendation by the chief for discipline that is below the discipline recommended by an administrative charging committee.**
  - (3) If the police officer accepts the chief's **offer** of discipline, then the **offered** discipline shall be imposed.
  - (4) If the police officer does not accept the chief's **offer** of discipline, then the matter shall be referred to a trial board.
  - (5) At least 30 days before a trial board proceeding begins, the police officer shall be:
    - (i) provided a copy of the investigatory record;
    - (ii) notified of the charges against the police officer; and
    - (iii) notified of the disciplinary action being recommended.

### History

[2021, ch. 59, § 3](#); [2022, ch. 141, § 2](#).

Annotations

### Notes

Effect of amendments. —

Md. Public Safety Code Ann. § 3-105

Acts 2022, ch. 141, § 2, effective July 1, 2022, added “for all matters that may result in discipline of a police officer” in (b).

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**Charles County Government Central Services Division  
Legislative Proposal– 2025 General Assembly Session**

Charles County Government employs special police officers through its Central Services Division. The special police officers provide security services upon county-owned property. The purpose of the legislative proposal is to amend §3-303 and §3-307 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Code to expand the scope of the commission of the special police officers to allow for them to exercise their police powers in furtherance of maintaining the safety and security of elected officials and other county employees, wherever they may be present in the county.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Md. Code, Pub. Safety § 3-303**

**Section 3-303 - Entities authorized to apply for appointment of special police officers; qualifications of applicants**

(a) The following entities may apply for the appointment of special police officers for the following purposes:

- (1) a municipal corporation, county, or other governmental body of the State, in order to protect **elected officials and employees of the governmental body, and** property owned, leased, or regularly used by the governmental body or any of its units;
- (2) another state, or subdivision or unit of another state, that has an interest in property located wholly or partly in this State, in order to protect the property;
- (3) a college, university, or public school system in the State, in order to protect its property or students; or
- (4) a person that exists and functions for a legal business purpose, in order to protect its business property.

(b) The applicant for a commission shall be at least 18 years old.

(c)

(1) This subsection does not apply to an applicant for an initial commission who, within 5 years prior to application, has:

- (i) completed a basic training course for police officers approved by the Secretary in consultation with the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission;
- (ii) completed a basic training course for police officers similar to the course described in item (i) of this paragraph in another state or for the federal government;
- (iii) separated from a law enforcement agency in good standing; or
- (iv) completed training approved by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission for a special police officer at a State institution of higher education.

(2) An applicant for an initial commission shall complete a training course approved by the Secretary in consultation with the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission consisting of at least 80 hours of instruction, including instruction on:

- (i) criminal law;
- (ii) constitutional procedural requirements relating to search, seizure, and arrest; and
- (iii) the appropriate use of force.

**Md. Code, Pub. Safety § 3-307**

**Section 3-307 - Scope of commission**

(a) Each special police officer shall protect and preserve peace and good order on the property described in the application for the commission.

(b) A special police officer may:

(1) arrest individuals who trespass or commit offenses on the property described in the application for the commission;

(2) exercise the powers of a police officer on the property described in the application for the commission;

(3) exercise the powers of a police officer in a county or municipal corporation of the State in connection with the care, custody, and protection of **elected officials, employees and** other property of the **governmental body or** entity that requested the appointment of the special police officer or other property, real or personal, for which the **governmental body or** entity has assumed an obligation to maintain or protect; and

(4) direct and control traffic on public highways and roads in the immediate vicinity of the property described in the application for the commission in order to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic to and from the property, if the Secretary approves of this activity in advance.

(c)

(1) A special police officer may make an arrest or issue a traffic citation for a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law or any other State or local traffic law or regulation only if the special police officer:

(i) has a probationary or permanent appointment as a security officer or is a member of an industrial police force; and

(ii) has completed the basic training course for police officers as established by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission in accordance with Subtitle 2 of this title.

(2) A special police officer may exercise the power described in paragraph (1) of this subsection only on the property of the special police officer's employer as described in the application for the commission, unless the special police officer is in active pursuit for the purpose of immediate apprehension.

**Charles County Government  
Office of the County Attorney/Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners  
Legislative Proposals – 2025 General Assembly Session**

The Charles County Gaming Permit Review Committee is established by the Title 13 Criminal Law Article of the Ann. Code of Maryland and Charles County Code, Chapter 240. The Committee consists of 7 members appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of the County Commissioners. The Committee is charged with reviewing applications for permits for certain gaming activities that constitute 'gaming events' and make recommendations for approval or denial to the County Commissioners.

Applications for lesser types of gaming activities - where there is no prize in excess of \$999, nor apparatus used to conduct the event (i.e., raffles, pull-tabs, small 50/50's, etc.), are not required to be approved by the Committee. The Clerk to the Charles County Gaming Permit Review Committee reviews all lesser permit applications for sufficiency and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and forwards them to the Commissioner President for approval. The Clerk is an administrative employee of the Office of the County Attorney.

For several years, the only gaming permits being issued by the county are for gaming activities with prizes valued under \$999, and so the Gaming Committee has not convened. Because of the proliferation of other gaming options in the area (i.e. MGM National Harbor, sports betting, etc.), it is not anticipated that the local gaming activities of qualifying organizations will increase, leaving the volunteer members of the Committee without a meaningful objective. The recommendation of staff is to remove the requirement for applications for a permit to be made to the Committee, and instead manage the process administratively. The following changes to the Maryland Code are needed to effectuate such a change.

**[Md. Criminal Law Code Ann. § 13-1101](#)**

Current through all acts of the 2024 Regular Session

***Michie's™ Annotated Code of Maryland > Criminal Law (Titles 1 — 14) > Title 13. Gaming — Local Provisions. (Subts. 1 — 26) > Subtitle 11. Charles County. (§§ 13-1101 — 13-1115)***

**§ 13-1101. Definitions.**

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- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- ~~(b) "Board" means the Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board.~~
- (bc) "County commissioners" means the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County.
- (cd) "Fundraising organization" means an incorporated or unincorporated bona fide:
- (1) religious organization;
  - (2) fraternal organization;
  - (3) civic organization;
  - (4) war veterans' organization;
  - (5) charitable organization;
  - (6) volunteer fire company;
  - (7) rescue squad; or



(8) ambulance company.

(de)

(1) "Gaming device" means a mechanism for playing a game of chance.

(2) "Gaming device" includes a paddle wheel, wheel of fortune, and chance book.

(3) "Gaming device" does not include bingo, a slot machine, or other gaming device that is otherwise regulated by State law.

(ef)

(1) "Gaming event" means an event involving a game of chance.

(2) "Gaming event" includes:

(i) a carnival;

(ii) a bazaar; and

(iii) a raffle involving prizes of cash exceeding \$1,000 or merchandise with a cash equivalent exceeding \$1,000.

(3) "Gaming event" does not include bingo.

(fg) "Gaming permit" means a permit to operate a gaming device at a gaming event that the county commissioners issue under this subtitle.

(gh) "Person" includes a joint interest held by two or more persons.

(hi) "Representative" means a person who has been a bona fide member of a fundraising organization or educational organization for at least 1 year before the date of a gaming permit application by the fundraising organization or educational organization.

### **§ 13-1103. Authority of county commissioners.**

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The county commissioners may:

(1) designate the types of gaming devices that may be operated in the county;

(2) set fees for gaming permits issued under this subtitle;

~~(3) set salaries and funding for the board and the board's clerk, legal counsel, and support staff;~~

(4) approve or deny gaming permit applications;

(5) investigate persons involved in gaming events and examine records of fundraising organizations with respect to gaming events;

(6) delegate its powers and duties under this subtitle to the County Attorneyboard; and

(7) adopt regulations to carry out this subtitle.

### ~~§ 13-1104. Gaming Permit Review Board.~~

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~~§ 13-1104. Gaming Permit Review Board.~~

~~(a) There is a Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board.~~

~~(b)~~

~~(1) The board consists of seven members.~~

~~(2) Of the seven members of the board:~~

~~(i) one shall be a member of the county sheriff's office;~~

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- ~~(ii) one shall be a member of the Department of State Police;~~
- ~~(iii) one shall be a member of a fundraising organization in the county;~~
- ~~(iv) one shall be an individual with background and experience in finance; and~~
- ~~(v) three shall be members at large.~~
- ~~(3) Each member at large:~~
  - ~~(i) shall be a member of the general public;~~
  - ~~(ii) may not be a member of a fundraising organization or otherwise be subject to regulation by the board;~~
  - ~~(iii) may not, within 1 year before appointment, have had a financial interest in or have received compensation from a person regulated by the board; and~~
  - ~~(iv) may not, while a member of the board, have a financial interest in or receive compensation from a person regulated by the board.~~
- ~~(4) Each member of the board shall be a resident of the county.~~
- ~~(5) The board shall select a chairperson from among its members, to serve the term that the board sets.~~
- ~~(e)~~
  - ~~(1) The term of a member is 4 years.~~
  - ~~(2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the board on October 1, 2002.~~
  - ~~(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.~~
  - ~~(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.~~
- ~~(d) The board may recommend to the county commissioners:~~
  - ~~(1) the types of gaming devices that may be operated in the county;~~
  - ~~(2) approval or denial of a gaming permit; and~~
  - ~~(3) modifications of the county gaming regulations and procedures.~~
- ~~(e) The board shall:~~
  - ~~(1) review at least quarterly gaming permit applications;~~
  - ~~(2) review gaming regulations and permit procedures;~~
  - ~~(3) keep a list of all approved lessors of gaming devices and premises for gaming events;~~
  - ~~(4) keep a record of the gaming permits that the board has reviewed; and~~
  - ~~(5) undertake the other duties regarding gaming regulation that the county commissioners delegate.~~
- ~~(f) As the county commissioners consider appropriate, the county commissioners shall provide for the board a clerk, legal counsel, supplies, and funding.~~
- ~~(g) The county commissioners may pay salaries to the members of the board.~~

**§ 13-110~~45~~. Bingo and gaming events generally prohibited.**

Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a person may not conduct bingo or a gaming event in the county.

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**§ 13-110~~56~~. Gaming event — In general.**

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- (a) A gaming event may be conducted only by a fundraising organization that has been located in the county for at least 5 years before applying for a gaming permit.
- (b) A fundraising organization shall obtain a gaming permit for each gaming event that the fundraising organization conducts.
- (c)
- (1) At least 30 days before the first day of the calendar quarter in which the gaming event is to be conducted, a fundraising organization seeking a gaming permit shall submit to the beard-county attorney an application and the application fee.
- (2) The application shall contain the following:
- (i) the name of the fundraising organization;
  - (ii) a statement that the fundraising organization qualifies to conduct a gaming event under this subtitle;
  - (iii) the dates, times, and location of the gaming event;
  - (iv) the name, address, and telephone number of the representative responsible for the gaming event;
  - (v) a roster of the current membership of the fundraising organization that includes names, ages, and addresses;
  - (vi) a statement that:
    - 1. an agreement does not exist for sharing the proceeds of the gaming event with any other person; and
    - 2. no person other than the fundraising organization or its representative may receive any proceeds of the gaming event except to further the purposes of the fundraising organization; and
  - (vii) any other information that the beard-county attorney considers necessary or helpful.
- (3) A principal officer of the fundraising organization shall sign and verify the application under the penalties of perjury.
- (d) The county commissioners may set a reasonable application fee for a gaming permit.
- (e)
- (1) The county attorneybeard shall:
- (i) review the gaming permit applications for a calendar quarter within 10 days after the application deadline set in subsection (c)(1) of this section;
  - (ii) recommend approval or denial of each application; and
  - (iii) promptly forward the applications and recommendations to the county commissioners.
- (2) The county commissioners shall:
- (i) review the applications and recommendations;
  - (ii) approve or disapprove each application within 15 days after the application deadline set in subsection (c) (1) of this section;
  - (iii) promptly notify each applicant of the county commissioners' action on the application; and
  - (iv) issue a gaming permit for each approved application.

(3) This section does not prevent the board-county attorney or the county commissioners from reviewing gaming permit applications more frequently or earlier than required by this subsection.

### **§ 13-110~~6~~7. Gaming event — Permit.**

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The gaming permit shall include:

- (1) the name of the fundraising organization;
- (2) the nature of the approved gaming event;
- (3) the dates, times, and location of the approved gaming event;
- (4) the gaming devices to be operated at the gaming event; and
- (5) the name of the representative responsible for the approved gaming event.

### **§ 13-110~~7~~8. Gaming event — Conduct.**

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(a)

- (1) A gaming event may be conducted only in accordance with this subtitle.
- (2) A gaming device may only be managed or operated by a representative of the fundraising organization named in the gaming permit for the gaming event.
- (3) A professional gaming operator may not manage, operate, or assist in the management or operation of a gaming device.
- (4) A person may not receive any commission, salary, reward, tip, or other compensation for managing or operating a gaming device at a gaming event.
- (5) A minor may not participate in a gaming event.
- (6) A fundraising organization may lease gaming devices or premises for a gaming event only from a fundraising organization that the board approves.

(7)

- (i) A lease agreement of gaming devices or premises for a gaming event shall be priced on the basis of fair market value of the equipment or premises.
- (ii) A lease agreement may not include a provision for sharing profit from a gaming event with a lessor or a provision that reasonably may be interpreted to provide for sharing profit from a gaming event.

(8) A fundraising organization may not conduct more than three gaming events during a calendar quarter.

(9)

- (i) A fundraising organization may not conduct a gaming event under a single gaming permit for a period greater than 48 hours.
- (ii) The actual gaming time may not exceed 24 hours in that 48-hour period, which may be divided into not more than two separate gaming periods.
- (iii) Notwithstanding subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, a fundraising organization that conducts a gaming event at the Charles County Fair in conjunction with the Charles County Fair Board may conduct the gaming event under a single gaming permit for more than 48 hours, subject to regulations that the county commissioners adopt on recommendation of the board.

(b)

(1) A fundraising organization that has conducted a gaming event shall submit a report to the [beard county attorney](#) within 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter in which the gaming event was conducted.

(2) The report shall contain:

(i) the name of the fundraising organization;

(ii) the number of the gaming permit;

(iii) the date of the gaming event;

(iv) the date, amount, nature, source, and recipient of each receipt and expenditure associated with the gaming event, in the format that the board prescribes;

(v) a separate list of the date, amount, and recipient of each charitable donation from the proceeds;

(vi) the name, age, address, and date of membership of each representative who managed, operated, or assisted in the operation or management of a gaming device at the gaming event;

(vii) a statement that each listed representative qualified as a representative under § 13-1101(i) of this subtitle at the time of the gaming event;

(viii) a statement that:

1. an agreement does not exist and has not existed for sharing the proceeds of a gaming event with any other person; and

2. only the fundraising organization or its representative has received or will receive any proceeds of the gaming event, except to further the purposes of the fundraising organization; and

(ix) any other information that the [beard county attorney](#) considers necessary or helpful.

(3) A principal officer of the fundraising organization shall sign and verify the report under the penalties of perjury.

(c) A fundraising organization that conducts a gaming event shall maintain accurate records of each transaction concerning the gaming event, and shall keep the records available for examination by the [beard county attorney](#) and the county commissioners for 3 years after the gaming event.

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**§ 13-110~~89~~<sup>9</sup>. Bingo.**

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**§ 13-11~~910~~<sup>10</sup>. Management of bingo and gaming events.**

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**§ 13-11~~1014~~<sup>14</sup>. Use of proceeds.**

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**§ 13-111~~12~~<sup>12</sup>. Donation to Fair Board allowed.**

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**§ 13-111~~23~~<sup>23</sup>. Penalty.**

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**§ 13-111~~34~~<sup>34</sup>. Disqualification after violation.**

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**§ 13-111~~45~~<sup>45</sup>. Effect of other law**



Charles County Sheriff's Office  
Legislative Proposal  
*Legislative Session 2025*

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

**Issue:** Maryland law prohibits operating unregistered motor vehicles, such as all-terrain vehicles, from being on operated on a highway and on private or public property without permission. Despite that law, the Sheriff's Office continues to receive complaints of individuals operating off-road vehicles on our public roads in reckless and dangerous manners, or operating off-road vehicles. Individuals are also trespassing on private and public property and causing damages. These individuals often elude or attempt to elude police. If they are stopped and identified, their vehicle may be towed from the scene but they are able to recover it fairly easily and continue their behavior.

For calendar year 2024 (through August 5), the Sheriff's Office has recorded **639** events relating to the operation of off-road vehicles.

**Proposal:** Enable the County Commissioners to create regulations allowing for the impoundment of off-road vehicles used in violation of Maryland law. §25-201.1(b) allows a county to "regulate the operation of off-the-road motorcycles, require them to be registered, and impose a registration fee for them." Amend §25-102.1 by adding a new subsection as described in the attached draft.

**BILL DRAFT - Transportation §25-102.1**

AN ACT concerning

**Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles -Charles County - Regulation**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Commissioners of Charles County to regulate the use off-road vehicles in Charles County and prescribe penalties for violations.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation  
Section 25-102.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

SECTION I. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, that the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article- Transportation**

25-102.1

(c)

(1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IN CHARLES COUNTY.

(2) "OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN §11-140.1 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY REGULATE THE OPERATION OF OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. THE REGULATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

(i) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS;

(ii) AGE RESTRICTIONS; AND

(iii) IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES USED IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 21, SUBTITLE 900, OF THIS ARTICLE, §6-404 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, OR §6-405 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

(3) ANY IMPOUNDMENT AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF VEHICLES, RESTRICTIONS ON CONTINUED IMPOUNDMENT, DEFENSES TO CONTINUED IMPOUNDMENT, AND

MAY INCLUDE THE IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL FINE AND, FOR REPEAT VIOLATIONS, FORFEITURE OF THE VEHICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.





Charles County Sheriff's Office  
Legislative Proposal  
*Legislative Session 2025*

CIVIL USE AMOUNT OF CANNABIS CITATION: IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Issue:** The Sheriff's Office routinely receives complaints from the community about the smell of cannabis in public. Smoking cannabis in public is illegal under Maryland law. Specifically, smoking cannabis in public is a civil offense punishable by a fine of \$50 for a first offense.

Currently Maryland Criminal Law § 5-601.1 provides that a police officer shall issue a citation to a person who the police officer has probable cause to believe has committed a violation of § 5-601 involving the use or possession of civil amount of cannabis. The citation shall contain the name, address, and date of birth of the person charged. There is no provision in the law requiring an individual to provide satisfactory evidence of his or her identity for a civil offense. If the person refuses to provide identification or provide proof of identity an officer cannot issue a citation.

**Proposal:** Amend Criminal Law § 5-601.1 to require, in Charles County, identification or satisfactory proof of identification so the officer can issue a citation for the violation.

**BILL DRAFT - Criminal Law §5-601.1**

AN ACT concerning

**Proof of Identificaton -Charles County - Regulation**

FOR the purpose of requiring identification or satisfactory proof of identification so the officer can issue a citation for violations.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law  
Section 5-601.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland

SECTION I. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, that the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article- Criminal Law**

5-601.1

(c)

(3) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IN CHARLES COUNTY.

(i) (a) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A PERSON HAS COMMITTED A VIOLATION OF §5-601 INVOLVING THE USE OR POSSESSION OF THE CIVIL AMOUNT OF CANNABIS OR THE PERSONAL USE AMOUNT OF CANNABIS MAY:

1. REQUIRE THE PERSON TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF OR HERSELF TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE OFFICER; AND
2. DETAIN THE PERSON UNTIL THE PERSON IS IDENTIFIED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE OFFICER.

(b) THE PERSON MAY BE DETAINED ONLY UNTIL THE PERSON IDENTIFIES HIMSELF OR HERSELF SATISFACTORILY TO THE OFFICER OR IS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED. IF THE OFFICER IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION, THE PERSON SHALL FORTHWITH BE BROUGHT BEFORE A JUDICIAL OFFICER FOR THAT PURPOSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

**Commissioner President Collins**  
**MD General Assembly 2025 Session**

**1. Public-Private Partnership for School Construction**

A proposal to seek state funding to support a public-private partnership under Md Code Education Art. §4-126-Alternative Financing Methods. The funding is intended to offset the space needs challenges posed by the expansion of full day prekindergarten under the Blueprint. The Blueprint for Maryland's Future emphasizes equitable early education opportunities, however, financial relief is needed to combat the extensive burden on the County for funding new school construction and renovations.

**2. County Sidewalk Program**

A proposal to enhance the walkability of the Waldorf Urban Redevelopment Corridor to include the Leonardtown/Old Washington Roads, and the towns of Indian Head and La Plata. This proposal seeks funding for sidewalk upgrades that would be prioritized based upon economic development potential. The goal is to emphasize and improve the county's network of sidewalks.

**3. Urban Bike Trail**

A proposal to connect the existing Indian Head Rail Trail to various destination on or near the Potomac River and points north, terminating at National Harbor.

**4. Ferry Service**

A proposal to commit state resources to the development of a ferry service connecting Indian Head to National Harbor and Alexandria, VA. The ferry will provide an alternative for Charles County residents who are commuters, lessening the traffic congestion on MD Route 210. This may also spur economic development opportunities for Charles County.

**5. Blighted Property**

A proposal for enabling legislation to establish a classification of real property known as "blighted property" defined as property whose condition poses a risk to the safety and health of the public due to neglect and deterioration, in order to implement a higher property tax rate on that class of properties. This proposal will incentivize timely repair or redevelopment of the blighted properties. Adjacent property values are negatively impacted due to blighted properties. Additionally, blighted and abandoned properties attract rodents, squatters, and other forms of nuisance; they may quickly become a health and safety concern for the community

The proposal includes mapping the location of the properties subject to the higher tax rate to determine if they are also located in Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) Equity Emphasis Areas, which are defined as small geographic areas that have significant concentrations of low-income, minority populations, or both. If the properties are in EEAs, we may determine a mechanism to reinvest additional property tax collected back into the affected area. Exemptions to the higher tax rate may apply, to include an active construction permit, or other "hardship" considerations. There will be an appeal process whereby property owners may challenge the property's status as blighted or claim a hardship exemption.

**6. Youth Mentoring Program to Combat Violence**

A proposal seeking state funding to establish a mentorship program designed to reduce violent acts committed by and against the youth of Charles County.

#### **7. Real-Time Crime Centers**

A proposal seeking state funding to create real-time crime centers that provide law enforcement with the needed technology to centralize data, surveillance, and intelligence from multiple sources. Real-time crime centers leverage video technology, such as Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) and cameras found at local businesses and residences, to supplement law enforcement efforts in preventing and interrupting crimes as they occur.

#### **8. Mural Project**

A proposal seeking state funding to support the creation of murals throughout the county. As part of the program, areas will be identified by the county for murals to be painted by Charles County youth.

#### **9. Youth App Competition**

A proposal seeking state funding to support the creation of a competition geared toward developing apps by youth that improve a service or issue found in county government. Youth competitors would be eligible for cash awards for their participation.

#### **10. Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

A proposal seeking state funding to assist with the creation of a housing trust fund to promote and support equitable and affordable rental and for-sale housing opportunities throughout the county. Funding would be available for rental assistance, homeownership, home improvements and other affordable housing opportunities in support of low- and moderate-income households.