

Council Bill 66-2026 Fiscal Analysis

Introduced: October 5, 2026

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Legislative Intent: CB66-2026 amends [Title 16 of the Howard County Code related to procedures of the Zoning Board](#). The legislation revises procedures for determining whether petitions may initially be heard by the Hearing Examiner, modifies advertising requirements for Zoning Board administrative meetings, requires certain applicants to file affidavits or disclosures, revises the timeframe for filing exceptions to a Hearing Examiner's report, and clarifies the role of Zoning Counsel.

ANALYSIS

Fiscal Impact:

The legislation is not expected to have a significant fiscal impact on the County's Operating or Capital budgets.

The procedural changes may result in some nominal additional staff time associated with reviewing applicant documents/disclosures, administering revised Hearing Examiner procedures, and updating meeting notices.

Budget Implications:

The bill does not appropriate funds, establish a new County program or authorize a new full-time equivalent position

Other Notes:

n/a