

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 24-2021

Introduced: March 1, 2021

Auditor: Melanie Bishop

Fiscal Impact:

We are unable to determine the fiscal impact of this legislation, as the quantity or type of future Zoning Regulation Amendments (ZRAs) impacted by this legislation cannot be identified.

Based on analysis of prior ZRAs, the fiscal impact may vary from negligible to millions of dollars depending on the section of the zoning regulation and type of modification proposed.

Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is to:

- Prohibit the County Council from taking final action on ZRAs during a period that starts nine years after a current General Plan for Howard County became effective and until the date the next General Plan is effective.
- Require the submittal of a summary report to the Council prior to the filing of ZRA-related legislation, which includes affidavits and disclosures related to contributions to or ongoing business activities with the County Council and/or the County Executive.

Other Comments:

Per the Sponsor, the summary report submission requirement codifies the disclosure requirements that are currently required in Zoning Regulation Amendment petitions.