

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 16

Bill No. 66-23

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Mr. David Marks, Councilman

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By the County Council, September 5, 2023

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Changeable Copy Signs

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain signs outside of the Urban Rural Demarcation Line (URDL); and generally relating to signs.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 450.7.B.  
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 ARTICLE 4 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

2 Section 450 – Signs

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4 § 450.7. Special requirements for particular classes.

5 B. Changeable copy signs. In addition to the limitations of Section 450.4, changeable  
6 copy signs are subject to the following:

7 1. Changeable copy signs accessory to a planned shopping center or any separate  
8 commercial establishment in a Business Zone are subject to the following limitations:

9 a. A freestanding changeable copy sign may be erected only as an integral  
10 part of an otherwise permitted enterprise or joint identification sign.

11 b. Up to 50 percent of the erected sign area of a permitted enterprise or  
12 joint identification sign may be devoted to changeable copy. This paragraph does not apply to a  
13 sign located within a state-designated transit-oriented development in the C.T. District of Owings  
14 Mills.

15 c. Animated signs require special exception approval by the Baltimore  
16 County Zoning Commissioner.

17 d. Electronic changeable copy signs are not permitted in the C.R. District  
18 [or outside the urban rural demarcation line or in historic districts].

19 2. Electronic changeable copy signs are not permitted:

20 A. [within] WITHIN 250 feet of national scenic byways as designated by  
21 the United States Department of Transportation;

22 B. IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS; OR

1 C. OUTSIDE THE URBAN RURAL DEMARCATION LINE, IF  
2 LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE GREATER KINGSVILLE COMMUNITY  
3 PLAN AREA.

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5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the provisions of § 450.7.B of  
6 the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations amended by this Act shall be applied prospectively  
7 only to Electronic Changeable Copy signs erected after the effective date of this Act.

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9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by  
10 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days from the  
11 date of enactment.



# LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

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EFFECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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