



HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Office of the County Auditor

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

Bill Number:
20-001

Zoning – Commercial
Amusement

Sponsor:
Council President Vincenti
at the request of the
County Executive

Estimated Fiscal Impact:
Undetermined

Additional Information:

Version: 01
based on bill as
introduced 01/07/2020

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Summary of Legislation

AN ACT to add new Subsection C(5), Commercial amusement and recreation, to Section 267-55, R1, R2, R3 and R4 Urban Residential Districts, of Article VII, District Regulations, of Part 1, Standards, of Chapter 267, Zoning, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to allow commercial amusement in the R4 District; and generally relating to zoning.

The bill will take effect 60 days after it is adopted.

Fiscal Analysis

If approved, Bill 20-001 will amend the Zoning Code to add commercial amusement and recreation as a permitted use in the R4 zoning district, subject to specified requirements regarding yard buffers, hours of operation and allowable lighting sources.

These zoning changes may impact individual property owners. Of note, the property to be sold in accordance with Resolution 001-20 – Washington Court Surplus Property – would be impacted by this change. Under the resolution, the owning company must use the land as an athletic field facility; that use is not currently allowed in the R4 Zones.

In accordance with §31-6 of the County Code, a Council Member may request a fiscal impact note for zoning matters from the Director of Planning and Zoning. Accordingly, we have not determined the fiscal impact of this piece of legislation. A fiscal note request should allow the Department at least four weeks to prepare the note.