

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2014, Legislative Day No. 2

Bill No. 3-14

Councilmembers Almond & Marks

By the County Council, January 22, 2014

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Signs

FOR the purpose of amending the Zoning Regulations to prohibit electronic changeable copy signs
in certain areas; 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:

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 SECTION 450

2 Signs

3 § 450.7. Special requirements for particular classes.

4 B. Changeable copy signs. In addition to the limitations of Section 450.4, changeable copy
5 signs [accessory to a planned shopping center or any separate commercial establishment in a business
6 zone] are subject to the following:

7 1. CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS ACCESSORY TO A PLANNED SHOPPING
8 CENTER OR ANY SEPARATE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT IN A BUSINESS ZONE
9 ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:

10 [1]A. A freestanding changeable copy sign may be erected only as an integral part
11 of an otherwise permitted enterprise or joint identification sign.

12 [2]B. Up to 50% of the erected sign area of a permitted enterprise or joint
13 identification sign may be devoted to changeable copy. This paragraph does not apply to a sign that
14 is accessory to a state-operated use or facility, that has a minimum of 1,000 square feet, in the C.T.
15 District of Towson between West Joppa Road and Dulaney Valley Road north of the York Road
16 circle and south of Bosley Avenue and Fairmount Avenue.

17 [3]C. Animated signs require special exception approval by the Baltimore
18 County Zoning Commissioner.

19 [4]D. Electronic changeable copy signs are not permitted in the C.R. District or
20 outside the urban rural demarcation line or in historic districts.

21 2. ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON

1 WITHIN 250 FEET OF NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS AS DESIGNATED BY THE U.S.
2 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by the
4 affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on March 3, 2014.

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