

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2017, Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 26-17

Mr. David Marks, Councilman

By the County Council, April 17, 2017

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Retention of Trees

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the removal of certain trees from certain public property located in certain areas of Baltimore County; providing for the application of the Act and for its expiration; and generally relating to the retention of certain trees.

BY adding

Section 33-6-111(c)
Article 33 – Environmental Protection and Sustainability
Title 6 – Forest Conservation
Baltimore County Code 2015

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County 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 §33-6-111. AFFORESTATION AND RETENTION.

2 (C) A PERSON, INCLUDING BALTIMORE COUNTY, MAY NOT
3 REMOVE ANY TREE HAVING DIAMETER AT BREAST HEIGHT (DBH) OF 2 INCHES
4 OR GREATER FROM ANY PUBLICLY-OWNED PROPERTY, INCLUDING WITHIN
5 COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY, LOCATED WITHIN THE URBAN RURAL
6 DEMARCATION LINE (URDL), UNLESS THE TREE IS FOUND BY THE COUNTY
7 ARBORIST TO BE DEAD OR POSING A SIGNIFICANT HAZARD TO PERSON OR
8 PROPERTY (A “HAZARD TREE”).

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that any tree removed by
10 Baltimore County after January 1, 2017 from any property covered by this Act shall be
11 replaced by the planting of any tree removed by Baltimore County after January 1, 2017 from
12 any property covered by this Act shall be replaced by the planting of trees of the same or
13 closely related species, with the sum of their diameters at breast height (DBH) to equal or
14 exceed the DBH of the removed tree, said planting to occur within one year of removal of the
15 tree and to be carried out in accordance with current best practices as to planting site
16 dimensions and characteristics, on property located within the URDL and no more than one-
17 quarter mile from the location of the removed tree.

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19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
20 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on June 5, 2017,
21 and shall expire on June 30, 2018, without the necessity of further action by the County Council.