



Legislative Summary

O-30-25

Business Revitalization Zoning District Regulations

The City of Annapolis Office of Law created this summary for the use of Annapolis City Council members during their consideration of the legislation.

Bill Summary

O-30-25 changes building height regulations on new buildings in Business Revitalization zoning districts.

Background

Business Revitalization (BR) zoning districts in Annapolis are intended to support community-oriented small businesses owned by local residents, particularly in residential areas.

Clay Street serves as an example of a BR zone. Historically, this street was a residential and commercial economic area within the City of Annapolis, featuring shops, restaurants, and taverns intermingled with family homes. Many of the commercial buildings still accommodate small businesses today.

Details

Title 21, Division III

Section 21.42.070

New buildings in Business Revitalization zones must be designed to blend in with the surrounding neighborhood style. Additionally, the height of any building facade facing the street is limited to 20 feet. Any part of the building that exceeds this height must be set back at least three feet from the facade and can be utilized as a balcony.