



Legislative Summary

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Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County – Membership and Director Appointment Changes

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

Note: This summary outlines the legislation as introduced and does not address any amendments.

Bill Summary

This ordinance amends Chapter 2.58 (Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County) of the City Code to align with Anne Arundel County changes to its Resilience Authority code.

Background

The Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County was established in 2021 through a partnership between Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis, following the Maryland General Assembly's passage of Senate Bill 457 (2020).

The Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County is the first *multi-jurisdictional* group of its kind in the U.S.

The Resilience Authority works to raise funds and manage projects to prevent and recover from severe weather, climate change, and natural disasters. The joint venture is run by an incorporated, quasi-governmental entity (the resilience authority) that can raise money by issuing bonds or receiving grants and donations. It is authorized to purchase or lease property intended to improve "resilience infrastructure."

The Resilience Authority works with the City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County to plan and build local projects.



The County reports that 32 projects are in progress and over \$50 million in funding has been secured after nearly five years of operation. effectiveness.

The County, with the City's approval, can set or modify the Authority's powers and procedures, and must ensure consistent governance across both jurisdictions. On June 18, 2026, the Anne Arundel County Council voted to amend certain provisions of the Resilience Authority's structure through Bill 30-26.

County Bill No. 30-26, enacted on June 18, 2026, requires that at least ten of the twelve board members be County residents, with three from the City of Annapolis, and gives the Resilience Authority's board authority to hire and oversee the Resilience Authority director. The County legislation goes into effect on August 2, 2026.

Details

Ordinance 21-26 updates Sections 2.58.040 (Membership) and 2.58.050 (Resilience Authority Director) of the City Code to match the Anne Arundel County changes to the Resilience Authority of Anne Arundel County and City of Annapolis.

Subsection Details

Section 2.58.040 Membership.

- Requires at least 10 of the 12 Resilience Authority board of directors members to be county residents, three of whom must be appointed by the Mayor of Annapolis.

Section 2.58.050 Resilience Authority Director.

- Changes who appoints the Resilience Authority director – from the County Executive with concurrence of the Mayor of Annapolis to the Resilience Authority Board of Directors.
- The director becomes a direct report to the board rather than the County Executive
- The Resilience Authority board will determine whether the director meets the job qualifications and has the authority to remove the director.