

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2013, Legislative Day No. 7

Bill No. 25-13

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Mr. David Marks, Councilman

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By the County Council, April 1, 2013

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations - Signs

FOR the purpose of amending the Zoning Regulations pertaining to certain types of enterprise signs permitted in the C.T. District of Towson; providing that certain requirements for projecting signs do not apply in the C.T. District of Towson; and generally relating to signs in the C.T. District of Towson.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 450.4.5(p) and 450.5.B.6  
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

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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 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
 2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

3 450.4. Table of Sign Regulations.

4	<b>ENTERPRISE,</b>	(P) Wall-	Plan of	Use	12% of the face	Not regulated	Not applicable	Yes	<b>Structured</b>
5	meaning an	mounted;	development		of the wall to				Parking must
6	accessory sign	canopy;	with a		which the sign				be provided;
7	which displays	PROJECT-	minimum of		is affixed				signage may
8	the identity and	ING	500,000						be installed
9	which may		square feet of						on or attached
10	otherwise		retail and/or						to any
11	advertise the		office gross						building wall
12	products or		floor area in						or attached or
13	services		B.L., B.M.,						detached
14	associated with		B.R., and						structured
15	the individual		M.L.-I.M.;						parking
16	organization		OR A						facilities;
			MINIMUM						signage
			OF 300,000						installed on
			SQUARE						or attached to
			FEET OF						structured
			RETAIL						parking
			AND/OR						facilities may
			OFFICE						not advertise
			GROSS						products or
			FLOOR						services
			AREA IN						associated
			THE C.T.						with
			DISTRICT						individual
			OF						tenants; no
			TOWSON						changeable
									copy is
									permitted

1 450.5. Structural types of signs.

2 B. Structural type definitions and restrictions.

3 6. Projecting sign: A sign having its structural framework or supporting elements  
4 attached to a wall of a building with a face which is more than one foot from the wall at any  
5 point on the face or is not in a plane parallel to the wall. "Projecting sign" does not include  
6 wall-mounted, roof, canopy or awning signs. Projecting signs are subject to the following:

7 a. A projecting sign may not be higher than the lesser of:

8 (1) The height of the eaves, cornice or parapet at the top of the wall to  
9 which it is attached; or

10 (2) A height of 25 feet from the base of the wall below the sign, UNLESS  
11 IN THE C.T. DISTRICT OF TOWSON, WHERE THE SIGN MAY  
12 EXTEND TO A HEIGHT OF 75 FEET FROM THE BASE OF THE  
13 WALL BELOW THE SIGN.

14 b. EXCEPT FOR A SIGN PERMITTED IN THE C.T. DISTRICT OF TOWSON  
15 UNDER SECTION 450.4.5.P., [A]a projecting sign may not extend horizontally more than four  
16 feet from the wall to which it is attached, except that a projecting sign may extend five feet and  
17 may have a maximum area up to 10% larger than would be permitted under Section 450.4 if the  
18 sign is:

19 (1) Attached to a building on a corner lot at an angle that approximately  
20 bisects the angle of the corner; and

21 (2) The only projecting sign on the building.

1 c. If a projecting sign extends over a sidewalk or walkway, no part of the sign  
2 may be closer than:

3 (1) One foot horizontally from the vertical plane of the nearest curb face;  
4 and

5 (2) Ten feet vertically from the nearest point on a sidewalk beneath the  
6 sign.

7 d. EXCEPT FOR A SIGN PERMITTED IN THE C.T. DISTRICT OF TOWSON  
8 UNDER SECTION 450.4.5.P., [N]no part of a projecting sign may be closer than 10 feet from a  
9 side or rear lot line.

10 e. EXCEPT FOR A SIGN PERMITTED IN THE C.T. DISTRICT OF TOWSON  
11 UNDER SECTION 450.4.5.P., [A]a projecting sign's structural framework or supporting  
12 elements may not be visible.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by  
14 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on May 20, 2013.