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Subject: **Information on Bill 32-25**

To: Snug Harbor Neighbors,

I have been in contact this morning with our councilmember Ms. Shannon Leadbetter (District 7) and Ms. Lis Rodvien (District 6) who is the author of the bill. Both expressed support for our input and I have provided our recommendations we discussed as on the record input regards to tonight's council meeting minutes.

The following information from Ms. Rodvein with her proposed recommendations/amendments which fall in line with our discussion. Below is the information she provided.

Looking at the input, it addresses our concerns and highlights our input into the solution space. Please review and if you have additional comments please let the board know.

We currently have a requirement to respond to community emails within 2 business days and we will continue to meet that goal.

Vr, Chuck

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Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts on Bill 32-25 that makes changes to the SCBD/SECD/WID programs in Anne Arundel County. I want to let you know about four amendments that I am proposing tonight, based on the comments many of you have shared. The most common concern was regarding the administrative fees. The fees in the proposed bill were intended to account for the increased costs the county has incurred over the years. The fee schedule was last updated in 1998. That said, many individuals expressed that the dramatic change would be harmful to their community's operation. The proposal I bring tonight will not correct the full shortfall, but will allow the county to come closer to covering its full costs of administering the SCBD program, while providing a more manageable shift for SCBDs.

**1. Reduction to the administrative fee increases:** (This amendment will apply to SCBDs, SECDs, and WIDs)

My amendment changes the fee schedule to the following:

For FY27, there will be no change (5%, with a cap of \$2000)

For FY28, the percentage charged will be 5.5%, with a cap of \$3000

For FY29, the percentage charged will be 6%, with a cap of \$4000

From FY30 forward, the cap will increase based on CPI.

**2. Meeting Attendance:**

Rather than allowing the general public to attend community meetings, meeting attendance will be limited to members of the SCBD and their invited guests.

**3. Compliance with the Open Meetings Act:**

This amendment will clarify that **subcommittees** do not need to comply with the Open Meetings Act.

**4. Email response time:**

This amendment will change the timeframe in which board members shall reply to residents' emails from 5 business days to 15 business days.

**Other amendments that I plan to bring at our Monday, June 2 meeting**

- a provision allowing communities that use a single email/point of contact for all messages to their boards to continue doing so
- an amendment clarifying that the penalties in the bill are strictly for the most severe issues of non-compliance such as failure to file a financial statement or submit a budget
- other amendments as needed

I hope that these amendments address some of the concerns many of you have expressed regarding this bill. Please feel free to email any additional concerns or questions.