



FREDERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Local Government Fiscal Estimate of Legislation

CONTACT INFORMATION AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Bill Number/Reference:	Bill No. 16-07
Bill Title:	Repeal the Agricultural Rights Transfer Option
Local Government Agency:	Frederick County Finance Division
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Date:						
Please respond to the questions below. If you prefer to provide responses or additional information in a separate file or document, send the file or document in a separate e-mail to rcherney@frederickcountymd.gov with the bill number/reference in the subject line.						
1.	Describe the impact of this proposed legislation on your agency (operations, revenues, expenditures, etc). If there is no impact, <u>please explain why.</u>					
This bill would have a positive fiscal impact to the County by relieving the risk that the Agricultural Rights Transfer Ordinance (ARTO) placed on the County's Agricultural Preservation Programs. This bill serves to reinstate the County's Tier IV exemption that the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) suspended as a result of the adoption of the Agricultural Rights Transfer Ordinance on November 18, 2014. The Tier IV exemption allows farmers and rural land owners, located throughout the County's identified Tier IV area, to pursue major subdivision (i.e. 6 lots or more) on their respective properties without intervention from the state agencies.						
2.	Please indicate whether the proposed legislation will affect small businesses in Frederick County, and if it will, please provide any information you may have which could be useful in determining the economic impact on small businesses.					
This bill would have positive impact to property owners located in agricultural zones as it would allow a number of them to realize the full value of their subdivision rights. Several subdivisions and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program easements are currently on hold due to the Tier IV exemption being suspended. Development Review staff has processed subdivision rights verification request on ten (10) potential subdivisions comprising 80 residential building lots, all of which are delayed pending the satisfactory resolution of the Tier IV exemption issue with the MDP.						
FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY – SHOW (DECREASE) IN PARENTHESES						
<u>REVENUES</u>						
3.	Analysis of estimated increase (or decrease) in government revenues. Please estimate below any anticipated increase (or decrease) in revenues resulting from this legislation. Please be aware of any delayed effective dates in the bill or other factors that may cause revenue increases/decreases to begin in later years.					
Source		FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
N/A						
TOTAL \$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Please explain how the above estimated increase(s) or decrease(s) were arrived at, including any calculations and/or assumptions made. Please also explain any variation if the revenue increase(s)/decrease(s) are not constant.						
N/A – It is not anticipated that this legislation would create additional revenue nor decrease any revenue of the County.						

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<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
4.	Analysis of estimated increase (or decrease) in government expenditures . Please estimate below any anticipated increase (or decrease) in expenditures resulting from this legislation. Please be aware of any delayed effective dates in the bill or other factors that may cause expenditure increases/decreases to begin in later years.					
<u>A. Salaries & Wages</u>		<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
FTE Employees - _____ # of positions						
Fringe Benefits						
TOTAL (Salaries, wages & benefits)		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
N/A	Please provide an explanation of the need for the number and type of any personnel listed above, including (1) what specific provision(s) of the bill necessitate additional staff; (2) what the duties of each type employee will be; and (3) why existing personnel cannot absorb the additional work. Please also certify the wage/salary rate and % fringe rate (if differing rates apply) for each personnel classification.					
<u>B. Other Operating Expenses</u>		<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
Technical/Special Fees, Grants/Subsidies						
Communications-Phone, Postage						
Travel, Food, Auto, Fuel & Utilities						
Contractual Services						
Supplies						
Equipment-Replacement						
Equipment-Additional						
Land & Structures, Fixed Charges						
Other (Please Specify on Extra Page(s))						
TOTAL (Expenditures)		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
N/A	On the next page, please provide brief descriptions/breakdowns of the above "Other Operating Expenses."					
	Please explain below any additional calculations or assumptions made in estimating the "Other Operating Expenses" that will help us to understand the amounts and timing of the expenses.					
N/A – It is not anticipated that this legislation would create the need for additional staff or increase the operating expenses of the County.						

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C. Operating Expense Descriptions/Breakdowns

Please provide below a short description of the specific purpose of each expense listed under 4B. If any amount(s) listed under 4B represent(s) a total of multiple expenses, provide a breakdown of the fiscal 2016 amount with a short description of each expense (for example, if \$2,500 is listed for Communications – Phone, Postage, a statement such as "\$1,500 for cellphone charges for two new inspectors and \$1,000 for postage for mailings to permittees to notify them of changes to inspection requirements.")

Fiscal 2016 Expenditures

Technical/Special Fees, Grants & Subsidies description/breakdown	\$
Communications – Phone, Postage description/breakdown	\$
Travel, Food, Auto Operations, Fuel & Utilities description/breakdown	\$
Contractual Services description/breakdown	\$
Supplies description/breakdown	\$
Equipment-Replacement description/breakdown	\$
Equipment-Additional description/breakdown	\$
Land & Structures, Fixed Charges description/breakdown	\$
Other (Please Specify) description/breakdown	\$

Please submit BY E-MAIL to: Ragen Cherney, Legislative Director/Chief of Staff
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