

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2006, Legislative Day No. 7

Bill No. 38-06

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Councilmembers Olszewski & Kamenetz

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By the County Council, April 3, 2006

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Signs - Removal from Public Property

FOR the purpose of providing that a person who is not a county employee may remove an illegally posted sign under certain circumstances; providing that the person is not an employee of the county, may not charge the illegal poster of the sign a fee and is responsible for any damage done while removing the sign and may not trespass to remove a sign; and generally relating to the removal of illegally posted signs.

BY adding

Section 23-1-103(f)  
Article 23. Advertising and Signs  
Title 1. Posting Signs on Public Property  
Baltimore County Code 2003

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Section 23-1-103(f) is hereby added to Article 23. Advertising

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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.

and Signs, Title 1. Posting Signs on Public Property, of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, to read as follows:

23-1-103.

(F) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTIONS (A)(1) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, IT SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE FOR A PERSON WHO IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY TO REMOVE A SIGN POSTED IN VIOLATION OF §23-1-102(1) THROUGH (6) OF THIS TITLE.

(2) A PERSON WHO REMOVES A SIGN UNDER THIS SUBSECTION OR PURPORTS TO REMOVE A SIGN UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY;

(II) MAY NOT CHARGE A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR POSTING A SIGN AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION A FEE FOR REMOVING THE SIGN;

(III) TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY LAW, IS LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE DONE TO COUNTY PROPERTY OR ANY OTHER PERSONS OR PROPERTY, NOT INCLUDING DAMAGE TO THE SIGN ITSELF, WHILE REMOVING THE SIGN; AND

(IV) MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION TO ENTER TO TRESPASS ONTO PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER, that this Act shall take effect 45 days after its enactment.