

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**OF**  
**TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2026 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: May 12, 2026

Bill No.: 1626 \*AS AMENDED\*

Expiration Date: July 16, 2026

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, Mr. Stepp

**A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 (ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXEMPTING CORPORATE FLAGS FROM THE SIGN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN § 190-42 OF THE COUNTY CODE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

By the Council: May 12, 2026

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order: Susan W. Moran  
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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**SECTION ONE:** BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND that Chapter 190 (Zoning, Subdivision, and Land Development) of the Talbot County Code shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

<b>KEY</b>	
<b>Boldface</b> .....	Heading or defined term
<u>Underline</u> .....	Added to law by Bill
<u>Double Underlining</u> .....	Added by amendment
<del>Double Strikethrough</del> .....	Deleted by amendment
* * * .....	Existing law unaffected

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**§ 190-42 Signs.**

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42.3 Signs excluded from regulation. The signs listed in Table V-8 are exempt from the sign permit requirement and other requirements of this § 190-42, but must comply with the standards specified in this table:

Table V-8. Exempt Signs

Type of Sign	Requirements (if any)
* * *	* * *
<p><u>J. Corporate flags flown from a flagpole and displaying a business name, trademark and/or logo</u></p>	<p><u>Maximum of one corporate flag flown from a flagpole on any commercial or industrial property. A corporate flag must be flown together with one or more government flag(s). Maximum area of any corporate flag: 40 square feet or the square footage of the largest government flag flown on the property, whichever is less. Maximum height any corporate flag may be flown: 30 feet. <del>A corporate flag must be flown together with one or more government flag(s).</del></u></p>

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**SECTION TWO:** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that if any provision of this Bill or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Bill which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Bill are declared severable.

**SECTION THREE:** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Publishers of the Talbot County Code and the Talbot County Office of Law, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the County Manager, may make non-substantive corrections to codification, style, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling, and any internal or external reference or citation included in this Bill, as finally adopted, that are incorrect or obsolete, with no further action required by the County Council. All such corrections shall be adequately referenced and described in an editor's note following the section affected.

**SECTION FOUR:** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Bill shall take effect sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and Notice of time, date, and place of hearing, and Title of Bill No. 1626 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

ENACTED: **June 30, 2026 \*AS AMENDED\***

By Order *Susan W. Moran*  
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Callahan	-	Aye
Stepp	-	Aye
Leshner	-	Aye
Mielke	-	Aye
Haythe	-	Aye

EFFECTIVE DATE: **August 29, 2026**