

Council Bill 7-2026 Fiscal Analysis

Introduced: January 5, 2026

Fiscal Manager: Melinda Massey

Legislative Intent: This legislation prohibits the County Council and its staff from interfering with the deliberations or decision-making processes of specific County Boards and Commissions.

ANALYSIS

Fiscal Impact:

This Council Bill states that the County Council nor any of its members or Council staff are prohibited from interfering with the deliberations or decisions of certain boards or commissions. Except through enacted legislation, Council Members or their staff may not issue orders to influence, or coerce any member or employee of the boards or commissions listed below, nor communicate with board or commission members off the record and outside the presence of parties involved.

This restriction applies to the following boards and commissions: the Board of Appeals, Hearing Examiner, Personnel Board, Alcoholic Beverages Hearing Board, Planning Board, Design Advisory Panel, Historic Preservation Commission, Advisory Board on Consumer Protection, Citizens' Election Fund Commission, and Ethics Commission.

Budget Implications:

- There is no immediate impact on the FY2026 Operating budget.

Other Notes:

- Currently, the Administration does not anticipate any additional expense for upgrading the system (i.e., case management).