

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 4

Bill No. 21-21

Introduced by Ms. Haire

By the County Council, February 16, 2021

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Introduced and first read on February 16, 2021  
Public Hearing set for and held on March 15, 2021  
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on April 5, 2021  
Bill Expires on May 22, 2021

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Landscaping and Tree Contracting with  
2 Accessory Recycling of Logs into Firewood

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4 FOR the purpose of allowing “landscaping and tree contracting with accessory recycling  
5 of logs into firewood” as a special exception use in RA residential districts; adding the  
6 special exception use requirements for “landscaping and tree contracting with  
7 accessory recycling of logs into firewood”; and generally relating to zoning.

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9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-4-106  
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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12 BY renumbering: §§ 18-11-133 through 18-11-166, respectively, to be 18-11-134 through  
13 18-11-167, respectively  
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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16 BY adding: § 18-11-133  
17 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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19 SECTION 1. *Be it further enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County,*  
20 *Maryland,* That §§ 18-11-133 through 18-11-166, respectively, of the Anne Arundel  
21 County Code (2005, as amended) are hereby renumbered to be §§ 18-11-134 through 18-  
22 11-167, respectively.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate existing Code provisions in a list or chart that remain unchanged.  
Underlining indicates matter added to bill by amendment.  
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter removed from bill by amendment.

SECTION 2. *And be it enacted*, That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

**ARTICLE 18**

**TITLE 4. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

**18-4-106. Permitted, conditional, and special exception uses.**

The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the residential districts are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special exception use. A blank means that the use is not allowed in the district. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures customarily accessory to the listed uses also are allowed, except that guest houses as accessory structures are prohibited and outside storage as an accessory use is limited to the lesser of 10% of the allowed lot coverage or 500 square feet.

<b>Permitted, Conditional, and Special Exception Uses</b>	<b>RA</b>	<b>RLD</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R5</b>	<b>R10</b>	<b>R15</b>	<b>R22</b>
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Landscaping and tree contracting	SE	SE						
LANDSCAPING AND TREE CONTRACTING WITH ACCESSORY RECYCLING OF LOGS INTO FIREWOOD	SE							
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**TITLE 11. REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES**

**18-11-133. Landscaping and tree contracting with accessory recycling of logs into firewood.**

LANDSCAPING AND TREE CONTRACTING WITH ACCESSORY RECYCLING OF LOGS INTO FIREWOOD SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.

(1) THE FACILITY SHALL BE LOCATED ON A LOT OF AT LEAST FIVE ACRES.

(2) BUILDINGS AND OUTDOOR AREAS TO BE USED FOR PARKING, LOADING OR STORAGE OF VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, AND SUPPLIES RELATED TO LANDSCAPING AND TREE CONTRACTING SHALL BE DELINEATED ON A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND LOCATED AT LEAST 50 FEET FROM ALL LOT LINES AND PUBLIC ROADS.

(3) THE PROCESSING AREAS, PARKING AND LOADING AREAS, AND AREAS FOR STORAGE OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT RELATED TO THE RECYCLING OF LOGS INTO FIREWOOD SHALL BE DELINEATED ON A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND LOCATED AT LEAST 200 FEET FROM LOT LINES.

1 (4) FIREWOOD SHALL BE STORED IN WINDROWS NOT MORE THAN 10 FEET HIGH  
2 AND 20 FEET WIDE, IN STATIC PILES NOT MORE THAN 20 FEET HIGH, OR IN BULK STORAGE  
3 BAGS AND SHALL BE LOCATED AT LEAST 50 FEET FROM LOT LINES.  
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5 (5) OUTDOOR STORAGE, INCLUDING STORAGE OF UNPROCESSED LOGS AND  
6 PROCESSED FIREWOOD, MAY NOT OCCUPY MORE THAN 20% OF THE TOTAL LOT AREA, NOT  
7 TO EXCEED FIVE ACRES.

8 (6) HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE RECYCLING OF LOGS INTO FIREWOOD SHALL  
9 BE LIMITED TO EITHER 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. OR 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. ON ANY ONE DAY,  
10 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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12 (7) THE SOUND LEVEL AT ANY RESIDENTIALLY ZONED OR RESIDENTIALLY  
13 DEVELOPED PROPERTY LINE MAY NOT EXCEED AN AVERAGE OF 55 DBA AND A PEAK OF  
14 60 DBA BASED ON READINGS TAKEN DURING OPERATIONS.

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16 (8) THE STORAGE AND PROCESSING OF LOGS THAT ARE NOT INCIDENTAL TO THE  
17 LANDSCAPING AND TREE CONTRACTING BUSINESS IS PROHIBITED.

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19 (9) THE FACILITY SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 18-11-132(2), (4), (5), (6), AND  
20 (7).

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22 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
23 from the date it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

By Order:



Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021



Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021



Stuart Pittman  
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 30, 2021

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF  
BILL NO. 21-21. THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE  
FILES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Corby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer