

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 1

Bill No. 6-25

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, January 14, 2025

Introduced and first read on January 14, 2025
Public Hearing set for February 3, 2025
Bill Expires on April 19, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Safety – Animal Care and Control – Zoning –
2 Miniature Pigs in Residential Districts

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4 FOR the purpose of defining the term “miniature pig”; requiring a license for the keeping
5 of miniature pigs; requiring certain shelters for miniature pigs; allowing miniature pigs
6 on residential lots of certain sizes with certain conditions; and generally relating to
7 public safety and zoning.

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9 BY renumbering: §§ 12-4-711 through 12-4-718 to be 12-4-712 through 12-4-719,
10 respectively; and 18-4-104(b) to be § 18-4-104(c), respectively
11 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-4-104(a)
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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16 BY adding: §§ 12-4-711; 12-4-801(d)(9); and 18-4-104(b)
17 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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19 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
20 That §§ 12-4-711 through 12-4-718; and 18-4-104(b) of the Anne Arundel County Code
21 (2005, as amended) are hereby renumbered to be §§ 12-4-712 through 12-4-719,
22 respectively; and 18-4-104(c), respectively.

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

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.

ARTICLE 12. PUBLIC SAFETY

TITLE 4. ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

12-4-711. Miniature Pig License.

(A) **Scope.** THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO THE KEEPING OF MINIATURE PIGS IN THE COUNTY, EXCLUDING THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS. A MINIATURE PIG LICENSE PERMITS THE OWNER TO KEEP A MINIATURE PIG AS A PET AND NOT FOR CONSUMPTION.

(B) **Generally.** A PERSON MAY NOT KEEP A MINIATURE PIG AS A PET ON A LOT LESS THAN 40,000 SQUARE FEET WITHOUT A MINIATURE PIG LICENSE FROM THE COUNTY. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED BY LAW OR VARIANCE, ALL ZONING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN § 18-4-104 OF THIS CODE MUST BE MET BEFORE A LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.

12-4-801. Animals outdoors.

(d) **Shelter for animals outdoors other than dogs.** A shelter for any animal other than a dog shall be maintained in accordance with the following provisions.

(10) MINIATURE PIGS, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN § 18-4-104, SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH SHELTER THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B).

ARTICLE 18. ZONING

TITLE 4. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

18-4-104. Pets; livestock or fowl.

(A) **Definitions.** FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, “MINIATURE PIG” MEANS A TYPE OF SWINE THAT IS LESS THAN 22 INCHES TALL AT THE SHOULDER WHEN FULLY GROWN, INCLUDING A POT-BELLIED PIG.

[(a)] (B) **Pets.** The keeping of pets for other than commercial purposes is allowed.

(1) The keeping of cats is limited to no more than nine per household.

(2) The keeping of dogs shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Number of Dogs	Minimum Lot Size
1 to 4	No requirement
5 to 6	25,000 square feet
7 or more	40,000 square feet, plus 5,000 square feet for each additional dog above 7

1 (3) THE KEEPING OF MINIATURE PIGS AS A PET SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 2 THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:
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NUMBER OF MINIATURE PIGS	MINIMUM LOT SIZE
1	6,000 SQUARE FEET
2 OR MORE	40,000 SQUARE FEET PER ANIMAL UNIT AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (C)

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 5 (4) MINIATURE PIGS SHALL BE KEPT WITHIN A FENCED AREA.
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7 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
 8 from the date it becomes law.