

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 13-25

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, February 3, 2025

Introduced and first read on February 3, 2025
Public Hearing set for March 3, 2025
Bill Expires on May 9, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

- 1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Commercial and Industrial Districts – Uses –
2 Animal Hospitals and Veterinary Clinics
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4 FOR the purpose of amending the permitted use allowed in commercial districts for animal
5 hospitals and veterinary clinics; permitting veterinary clinics without overnight stays
6 or with limited overnight stays for necessary medical treatment, without outside runs
7 or pens in commercial districts; permitting animal hospitals and veterinary clinics that
8 offer overnights stays as a conditional use in certain commercial districts; amending
9 permitted, conditional, and special exception uses in industrial districts for animal
10 hospitals and veterinary clinics; and generally relating to zoning.
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12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 18-5-102 and 18-6-103
13 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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15 BY repealing: § 18-10-170
16 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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18 BY renumbering: §§ 18-10-105 through 18-10-174, respectively, to be §§ 18-10-106
19 through 18-10-173, respectively
20 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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22 BY adding: § 18-10-105
23 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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.

1 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
 2 That §18-10-170 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) be repealed.

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 4 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That §§ 18-10-105 through 18-10-174,
 5 respectively of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended), are hereby renumbered
 6 to be §§ 18-10-106 through 18-10-173, respectively.

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 8 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County
 9 Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

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 11 **ARTICLE 18. ZONING**

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 13 **TITLE 5. COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS**

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 15 **18-5-102. Permitted, conditional, special exception, and business complex auxiliary**
 16 **uses.**

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 18 The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the
 19 commercial districts, and uses auxiliary to a business complex, are listed in the chart in this
 20 section using the following key: P=permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special
 21 exception use; and A = auxiliary to a business complex use. A blank means that the use is
 22 not allowed in the district. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures
 23 customarily accessory to permitted, conditional, and special exception uses also are
 24 allowed.

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Permitted, Conditional, Special Exception, and Business Complex Auxiliary Uses	C1	C2	C3	C4

Animal hospitals and veterinary clinics WITHOUT OUTSIDE RUNS OR PENS	P	P	P	P
ANIMAL HOSPITALS AND VETERINARY CLINICS THAT OFFER OVERNIGHT STAYS		C	C	C

[[Veterinary clinics if overnight stays are limited to those necessary for medical treatment, without outside runs or pens]]	[[P]]	[[P]]	[[P]]	

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 27 **TITLE 6. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS**

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 29 **18-6-103. Permitted, conditional, and special exception uses.**

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 31 The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the industrial
 32 districts are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use; C
 33 = conditional use; SE = special exception use; and A= auxiliary use to a business complex
 34 use. A blank means that the use is not allowed in the district. Except as provided otherwise

1 in this article, uses and structures customarily accessory to permitted, conditional, and
 2 special exception uses also are allowed, except that outside storage as an accessory use in
 3 W1 is limited to 15% of the allowed lot coverage.
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Permitted, Conditional, Special Exception, and Business Complex Auxiliary Uses	W1	W2	W3

ANIMAL HOSPITALS AND VETERINARY CLINICS THAT OFFER OVERNIGHT STAYS	P	C	

[[Veterinary clinics if overnight stays are limited to those necessary for medical treatment without outside runs or pens]]	[[P]]	[[C]]	

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6 **TITLE 10. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES**

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8 **18-10-105. Animal Hospitals and Veterinary Clinics that offer overnight stays.**

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10 ANIMAL HOSPITALS OR VETERINARY CLINICS THAT OFFER OVERNIGHT STAYS SHALL
 11 COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.

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13 (1) THE FACILITY SHALL BE LOCATED ON A LOT OF AT LEAST ONE ACRE.

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15 (2) ALL STRUCTURES, ENCLOSED COOPS, AND ENCLOSED RUNS FOR THE HOUSING OR
 16 SHELTER OF ANIMALS AND FOWL SHALL BE LOCATED AT LEAST 50 FEET FROM
 17 RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY.

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19 (3) UNENCLOSED COOPS AND RUNS SHALL BE:

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21 (I) NO LARGER THAN 1,800 SQUARE FEET;

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23 (II) AT LEAST 30 FEET FROM RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY; AND

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25 (III) AT LEAST 200 FEET FROM AN OCCUPIED STRUCTURE.

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27 (4) AN ANIMAL HOSPITAL OR VETERINARY CLINIC LOCATED IN A STRUCTURE THAT
 28 CONTAINS USES OTHER THAN AN ANIMAL HOSPITAL OR VETERINARY CLINIC SHALL
 29 INCORPORATE SOUND ATTENUATION CONSTRUCTION DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE THE
 30 IMPACT OF NOISE FROM THE ANIMAL HOSPITAL OR VETERINARY CLINIC ON THE OTHER
 31 USES IN THE STRUCTURES.

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33 (5) AN ANIMAL HOSPITAL OR VETERINARY CLINIC SHALL NOT UNEASONABLY
 34 INTERFERE WITH OTHER TENANTS LOCATED WITHIN THE SAME STRUCTURE AS
 35 THE ANIMAL HOSPITAL OR VETERINARY CLINIC AND THE USE MAY NOT BE NOXIOUS,
 36 OFFENSIVE, OR OTHERWISE OBJECTIONABLE TO SURROUNDING USES.

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38 SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
 39 from the date it becomes law.