

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 4

Bill No. 10-23

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Mr. Julian E. Jones, Jr., Councilman

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By the County Council, February 21, 2023

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Uses Permitted in the R.C.2 Zone – Catering Halls Converted from  
Dwellings

FOR the purpose of permitting by right the conversion of dwellings to catering halls in the R.C.2  
(Resource Conservation – Agricultural) Zone under certain circumstances; setting  
additional restrictions and limitations under certain circumstances; and generally relating  
to uses permitted in the R.C.2 Zone.

BY adding

Section 1A01.2.B.14 and Section 402.3  
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

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4 ARTICLE 1A – RESOURCE CONSERVATION ZONES

5 Section 1A01 – R.C.2 (Agricultural) Zone

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7 § 1A01.2. Use regulations.

8 B. Uses permitted as of right. The following uses only are permitted as of right in all  
9 R.C.2 Zones:

10 14. CATERING HALLS CONVERTED FROM EXISTING DWELLINGS ON  
11 WHICH AGRICULTURE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ALSO OCCUR, PROVIDED THE  
12 PROPERTY IS AT LEAST 20 ACRES AND NO MORE THAN 50 ACRES IN SIZE WITH  
13 AT LEAST 300 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON OR ABUTTING A STATE HIGHWAY AND  
14 LOCATED WITHIN THE HANOVER PIKE CORRIDOR STUDY AREA, AND SUBJECT  
15 TO SECTION 402.3 OF THESE REGULATIONS.

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17 ARTICLE 4 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

18 Section 402 – Conversion of Dwellings

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20 § 402.3. FOR CATERING HALL USE.

21 A. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN “EVENT” SHALL REFER TO  
22 ANY RENTAL OF THE PROPERTY WHICH IS ATTENDED BY AT LEAST 75 GUESTS.

1 THE USE OF THE PROPERTY SOLELY FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION  
2 ACTIVITIES SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN “EVENT” UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

3 B. A CATERING HALL CONVERTED TO SUCH USE FROM A DWELLING  
4 LOCATED IN AN R.C.2 ZONE AND WITHIN THE HANOVER PIKE CORRIDOR STUDY  
5 AREA IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS SO LONG AS A CATERING  
6 HALL IS OPERATING ON THE PROPERTY:

7 1. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS.

8 A. THE NUMBER OF EVENTS ON THE PROPERTY SHALL NOT  
9 EXCEED 150 PER CALENDAR YEAR.

10 B. NO MORE THAN 300 GUESTS MAY ATTEND ANY EVENT  
11 HELD AT THE PROPERTY.

12 C. SOUND LEVELS FOR EVENTS MAY NOT EXCEED THE  
13 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NOISE LEVELS (DBA) FOR COMMERCIAL USES SET  
14 FORTH IN COMAR SECTION 26.02.03.02.

15 D. THE PROPERTY MUST BE VACATED BY GUESTS AFTER AN  
16 EVENT.

17 E. ALL SOLID SEWAGE AND WASTE GENERATED BY AN  
18 EVENT MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY.

19 F. A CATERING HALL IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 5 MILES OF  
20 ANOTHER PROPERTY WITH AN EXISTING CATERING HALL OR ANOTHER  
21 PROPERTY FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION FOR A USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT  
22 HAS BEEN FILED FOR A CATERING HALL.

23 2. EVENT TIMING.

1                   A. THE PROPERTY MAY ONLY BE RENTED FOR EVENTS ON  
2 FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

3                   B. EVENTS SHALL END ON FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS BY  
4 11:00 P.M. AND ON SUNDAY BY 8:00 P.M.

5                   C. THERE SHALL BE NO MORE THAN 2 EVENTS HELD AT THE  
6 PROPERTY ON ANY GIVEN DAY, ONLY 1 EVENT MAY BE HELD AT A TIME, AND IF  
7 THERE ARE 2 EVENTS HELD ON THE SAME DAY, THERE MUST BE 2 HOURS  
8 BETWEEN THE END OF THE FIRST EVENT AND THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND  
9 EVENT.

10                  D. EVENTS MAY NOT BEGIN BEFORE NOON ON A SATURDAY  
11 WHEN A FLEA MARKET WITHIN 5 MILES OF THE PROPERTY IS TAKING PLACE.

12                   3. PARKING, LIGHTING, AND CONSTRUCTION.

13                  A. THERE SHALL BE NO PARKING ALONG HANOVER PIKE OF  
14 VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH AN EVENT.

15                  B. ANY TEMPORARY LIGHTING USED FOR AN EVENT SHALL  
16 BE TURNED OFF NO LATER THAN 30 MINUTES AFTER THE END OF THE EVENT.

17                  C. AT LEAST 80% OF THE PROPERTY SHALL REMAIN  
18 PERVIOUS AND ACCESS DRIVES WHICH ARE NOT PAVED SHALL BE CONSIDERED  
19 PERVIOUS.

20                  D. ANY ADDITIONAL BUILDING OR BARN CONSTRUCTED ON  
21 THE PROPERTY SHALL BE NO GREATER IN SIZE THAN 12,000 SQUARE FEET AS  
22 MEASURED ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

23                   4. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

1                   A. ALCOHOL SERVICE FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING  
2 EVENTS SHALL END AT 10:00 P.M.

3                   B. NO EVENT MAY BE HELD WHICH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
4 AND INVOLVES TICKET SALES FOR ALCOHOL TASTINGS.

5                   C. NO EVENT MAY INCLUDE PACKAGE ALCOHOL SALES.

6                   D. THE PROPERTY MAY NOT BE USED AS A BREWERY,  
7 DISTILLERY, OR WINERY.

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9                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by  
10 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days from the  
11 date of enactment.



# LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

ENACTED \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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