

# PROPOSED

AMENDED  
March 3 & 17, 2025  
April 7, 2025

## 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

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Introduced and first read on February 3, 2025  
Public Hearing set for and held on March 3, 2025  
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on March 17, 2025  
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Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for April 21, 2025  
Bill Expires on May 9, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

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### 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 adding a definition of ““animal hospital with non-medical overnight  
5 stays” or “veterinary clinic with non-medical overnight stays”; amending the  
6 permitted use allowed in commercial districts for animal hospitals and veterinary  
7 clinics; permitting veterinary clinics without overnight stays or with limited overnight  
8 stays for necessary medical treatment, ~~without outside runs or pens~~ in commercial  
9 districts; permitting animal hospitals and veterinary clinics that offer overnights stays  
10 as a conditional use in certain commercial districts; amending permitted, conditional,  
11 and special exception uses in industrial districts for animal hospitals and veterinary  
12 clinics; and generally relating to zoning.

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14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 18-5-102 and 18-6-103  
15 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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17 BY repealing: § 18-10-170  
18 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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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.

1 BY renumbering: §§ 18-1-101(11) through (173); and 18-10-105 through 18-10-174,  
2 respectively, to be §§ 18-1-101(12) through (174); and 18-10-106 through 18-10-173,  
3 respectively

4 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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6 BY adding: § § 18-1-101(11); and 18-10-105

7 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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10 That §18-10-170 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) be repealed.

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12 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That §§ 18-1-101(11) through (173); and  
13 18-10-105 through 18-10-174, respectively of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as  
14 amended), are hereby renumbered to be §§ 18-1-101(12) through (174); and 18-10-106  
15 through 18-10-173, respectively.

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

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20 **ARTICLE 18. ZONING**

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22 **TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS**

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26 (11) “ANIMAL HOSPITAL WITH NON-MEDICAL OVRNIGHT STAYS” OR “VETERINARY  
27 CLINIC WITH NON-MEDICAL OVERNIGHT STAYS” MEANS A STRUCTURE USED BY A  
28 LICENSED VETERINARIAN FOR THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND MAY  
29 INCLUDE THE SALE OF PET SUPPLIES AND GROOMING, IN ADDITION TO BOARDING FOR  
30 NON-MEDICAL PURPOSES.

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35 **TITLE 5. COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS**

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37 **18-5-102. Permitted, conditional, special exception, and business complex auxiliary**  
38 **uses.**

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40 The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the  
41 commercial districts, and uses auxiliary to a business complex, are listed in the chart in this  
42 section using the following key: P=permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special  
43 exception use; and A = auxiliary to a business complex use. A blank means that the use is  
44 not allowed in the district. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures  
45 customarily accessory to permitted, conditional, and special exception uses also are  
46 allowed.

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<b>Permitted, Conditional, Special Exception, and Business Complex Auxiliary Uses</b>	<b>C1</b>	<b>C2</b>	<b>C3</b>	<b>C4</b>
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Animal hospitals and veterinary clinics <del>WITHOUT OUTSIDE RUNS OR PENS</del>	P	P	P	P
ANIMAL HOSPITALS <u>WITH NON-MEDICAL OVERNIGHT STAYS</u> AND VETERINARY CLINICS <u>WITH NON-MEDICAL OVERNIGHT STAYS THAT OFFER OVERNIGHT STAYS</u>		C	C	C
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[[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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**TITLE 6. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS**

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

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The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the industrial districts are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special exception use; and A= auxiliary use to a business complex 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 permitted, conditional, and special exception uses also are allowed, except that outside storage as an accessory use in W1 is limited to 15% of the allowed lot coverage.

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<b>Permitted, Conditional, Special Exception, and Business Complex Auxiliary Uses</b>	<b>W1</b>	<b>W2</b>	<b>W3</b>
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ANIMAL HOSPITALS <u>WITH NON-MEDICAL OVERNIGHT STAYS</u> AND VETERINARY CLINICS <u>WITH NON-MEDICAL OVERNIGHT STAYS THAT OFFER OVERNIGHT STAYS</u>	P	C	
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[[Veterinary clinics if overnight stays are limited to those necessary for medical treatment without outside runs or pens]]	[[P]]	[[C]]	
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**TITLE 10. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES**

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**18-10-105. Animal Hospitals and Veterinary Clinics ~~that offer overnight stays~~ with non-medical overnight stays.**

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FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ‘ENCLOSED PENS OR ENCLOSED RUNS’ MEANS A FENCED IN DEDICATED AREA FOR ANIMALS, WHERE THE ANIMAL MAY SAFELY EXERCISE, PLAY, SOCIALIZE, AND RELIEVE ITSELF WHILE UNTETHERED OR UNLEASHED.

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1 ANIMAL HOSPITALS OR VETERINARY CLINICS ~~THAT OFFER OVERNIGHT STAYS WITH~~  
2 NON-MEDICAL OVERNIGHT STAYS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING  
3 REQUIREMENTS.

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

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7 (2) ALL STRUCTURES, ENCLOSED ~~COOPS, AND~~ PENS OR ENCLOSED RUNS FOR THE  
8 HOUSING OR SHELTER OF ANIMALS ~~AND FOWL~~ SHALL BE LOCATED AT LEAST 50 FEET  
9 FROM RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY.

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11 (3) UNENCLOSED ~~COOPS AND~~ PENS OR RUNS SHALL BE:

12 (I) NO LARGER THAN 1,800 SQUARE FEET IN TOTAL;

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

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

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19 (4) AN ANIMAL HOSPITAL OR VETERINARY CLINIC LOCATED IN A STRUCTURE THAT  
20 CONTAINS USES OTHER THAN AN ANIMAL HOSPITAL OR VETERINARY CLINIC SHALL  
21 INCORPORATE SOUND ATTENUATION CONSTRUCTION DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE THE  
22 IMPACT OF NOISE FROM THE ANIMAL HOSPITAL OR VETERINARY CLINIC ON THE OTHER  
23 USES IN THE STRUCTURES.

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

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