

# PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 7

Bill No. 29-25

Introduced by Ms. Leadbetter

By the County Council, April 7, 2025

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Introduced and first read on April 7, 2025

Public Hearing set for May 5, 2025

Bill Expires July 11, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Construction Property and Maintenance Codes – Codes  
2 and Supplements – Zoning – Conditional Uses – Large Animal Veterinarian Clinic  
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4 FOR the purpose of exempting large animal veterinarian clinics from building permits  
5 if located in a pre-existing agricultural building; defining large animal veterinarian  
6 clinics; allowing large animal veterinarian clinics as a conditional use in a rural  
7 agricultural zoning district; and generally relating to construction property and  
8 maintenance codes and zoning.  
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10 BY renumbering: §§ 18-1-101(163) through (173); and 18-10-172 through  
11 18-10-175 respectively, to be 18-1-101(164) through (174); and 18-10-173  
12 through 18-10-176, respectively  
13 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)  
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15 BY adding: §§ 18-1-101(163); and 18-10-172  
16 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)  
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18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: Construction Code, Chapter 1,  
19 §105.2.1.14.1  
20 Anne Arundel County Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement,  
21 October 1, 2005 (as amended)  
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23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-4-106  
24 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.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That §§ 18-1-101(163) through (173); and 18-10-172 through 18-10-175, respectively, of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) are hereby renumbered to be §§ 18-1-101(164) through (174); and 18-10-173 through 18-10-176, respectively.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Anne Arundel County Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement, October 1, 2005 (as amended) read as follows:

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES SUPPLEMENT  
October 1, 2005**

**CONSTRUCTION CODE**

**Chapter 1  
Construction Code Administrative Provisions**

**Section 105  
Permits**

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**105.2 Work exempt from permit.** Exemptions from permit requirements of the Construction Code may not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of the Construction Code or any other laws or ordinances of this County. Permits shall not be required for the following:

**105.2.1. Buildings:**

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**105.2.1.14** Agricultural buildings, specifically livestock shelters, livestock buildings, shade structures, milking barns, structures for primary agricultural and value-added processing, poultry shelters, barns, buildings and structures used for storage of farm equipment and machinery, horticultural structures, detached production greenhouses, crop protection shelters, sheds, grain silos, riding arenas, stables, and buildings or structures for farm alcohol production facilities. The following are not agricultural buildings for the purpose of this Code:

**105.2.1.14.1** Buildings or structures that house livestock, horses, equipment, machinery or fowl owned by others than the landowner or farm manager, unless covered by the terms or a written agreement OR WHEN UTILIZED AS A LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARIAN CLINIC, AS DEFINED IN § 18-1-101 OF THE COUNTY CODE.

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

## ARTICLE 18. ZONING

### TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS

#### 18-1-101. Definitions.

Unless defined in this article, the Natural Resources Article of the State Code, or COMAR, words defined elsewhere in this Code apply in this article. The following words have the meanings indicated:

(163) "VETERINARIAN CLINIC, LARGE ANIMAL" MEANS A FACILITY OPERATED BY AT LEAST ONE MARYLAND-LICENSED VETERINARIAN SPECIALIZING IN THE HEALTH AND TREATMENT OF LARGE FARM ANIMALS SUCH AS EQUINE, SWINE, CATTLE, GOATS, FOWL, AND SIMILAR FARM OR LIVESTOCK ANIMALS.

### 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.

Permitted, Conditional, and Special Exception Uses	RA	RLD	R1	R2	R5	R10	R15	R22
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Theaters, live performances, temporary outdoor	P		P	P				
VETERINARIAN CLINIC, LARGE ANIMAL	C							
Volunteer fire stations	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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### TITLE 10. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES

#### 18-10-172. Veterinarian clinic, large animal.

A LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARIAN CLINIC SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(1) THE FACILITY MAY BE LOCATED ON THE SAME LOT AS A SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED DWELLING OR A FARM TENANT HOUSE IF THE FACILITY IS LOCATED IN AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, AS DEFINED IN § 105.2.1.14 OF THE CONSTRUCTION CODE OF

1 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DWELLING IS ATTACHED TO  
2 THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING;

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4 (2) THE FACILITY SHALL BE LOCATED ON A LOT OF AT LEAST FIVE ACRES;

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6 (3) OVERNIGHT BOARDING OF HORSES OR LIVESTOCK ARE NOT PERMITTED,  
7 EXCEPT AS REQUIRED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OR AS PERMITTED UNDER § 105.2.1.14.1;  
8 AND

9 (4) THE FACILITY STRUCTURE SHALL BE SET BACK AT LEAST 50 FEET FROM  
10 PROPERTY LINES.

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