

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 31-26

Introduced by Mr. Smith

By the County Council, April 20, 2026

Introduced and first read on April 20, 2026
Public Hearing set for May 18, 2026
Bill Expires on July 24, 2026

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Residential Districts – Conditional Use –
2 Agritourism

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4 FOR the purpose of allowing agritourism as a conditional use in R2 and R5 zoning districts;
5 amending conditional use requirements for agritourism; and generally relating to
6 zoning.

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8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 18-4-106 and 18-10-103
9 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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11 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
12 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

ARTICLE 18. ZONING

TITLE 4. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

18-4-106. Permitted, conditional, and special exception uses.

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

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 structures are prohibited and outside storage as an accessory use is limited to the lesser of
 2 10% of the allowed lot coverage or 500 square feet.

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Permitted, Conditional, and Special Exception Uses	RA	RLD	R1	R2	R5	R10	R15	R22
Agritourism	C	C	C	C	C			
Airports and airfields	SE		SE					

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TITLE 10. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES

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18-10-103. Agritourism.

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[[For purposes of this section, “agricultural building” means the buildings described in § 105.2.1.14 of the Construction Code of Anne Arundel County. If there will be more than 50 occupants at any one time in an agricultural building for an agritourism use, the agritourism use shall be limited to a ground floor level of the building and the Fire Marshal shall inspect the agricultural building for compliance with the State Fire Prevention Code before it may be occupied for an agritourism use.]] AGRITOURISM SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.

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(1) ANY BUILDING USED FOR AGRITOURISM SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CONSTRUCTION CODE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, INCLUDING ANY AGRICULTURAL BUILDING UNDER § 105.2.1.14 OF THE CONSTRUCTION CODE.

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(2) THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF THE FARM SHALL BE THREE ACRES.

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SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.