

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Bill No. 20-10

Mr. T. Bryan McIntire, Councilman

By the County Council, April 5, 2010

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations - Domestic Animal Sanctuaries

FOR the purpose of defining domestic animal sanctuary and permitting a domestic animal sanctuary
in the R.C. 2 Zone; and generally relating to domestic animal sanctuaries in R.C. 2 Zones.

By adding

Section 101.1 (Definition of “Domestic Animal Sanctuary”)
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

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

Section 421.8
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Section 101.1. (Definition of “Domestic Animal Sanctuary”) and
3 1A01.2.B.14 and Section 421.8 be and they are hereby added to the Baltimore County Zoning
4 Regulations, as amended, to read as follows:

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.

Section 101. Definitions

101.1 Word usage; definitions.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY - ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR LAND, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, THAT IS USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED FOR THE SHELTER AND CARE OF DOGS AND CATS THAT HAVE BEEN ABANDONED, NEGLECTED, OR ABUSED BY PRIOR OWNERS. SUCH FACILITY MUST BE OPERATED ~~ON A NOT-FOR-PROFIT BASIS~~ BY AN ORGANIZATION QUALIFIED AS A NONPROFIT UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF TITLE 26 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE. THE ORGANIZATION MUST FACILITATE AT LEAST 50 ANIMAL ADOPTIONS PER YEAR, AND NO SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED BEYOND THOSE INTENDED TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE ANIMALS IN THE FACILITY. THE FACILITY WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF PLACING THE ANIMALS IN ACCEPTABLE HOME ENVIRONMENTS. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A FACILITY SHALL NOT PRECLUDE THE USE OF THE LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL OR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

1A01.2 Use Regulations.

B. Uses permitted as of right.

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

14. DOMESTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY, IF LOCATED ON OR WITHIN PROPERTY THAT IS GREATER THAN ~~10~~ 7.5 ACRES IN SIZE.

421.8. DOMESTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY.

(A) THE OPERATOR OF A DOMESTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY SHALL COMPLY WITH THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND MINIMUM STANDARDS ESTABLISHED FOR A HOLDING FACILITY IN ARTICLE 12, TITLE 6 OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE.

(B) A DOMESTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY MAY NOT BE LOCATED WITHIN A TEN-MILE RADIUS OF ANY OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY.

(C) A DOMESTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY MAY NOT BE LOCATED WITHIN 200 FEET OF THE NEAREST PROPERTY LINE, IF THE SANCTUARY IS ALLOWED IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect 45 days after its enactment.