

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2011, Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 5-11

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Mr. Todd Huff, Councilman

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By the County Council,

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations - Agricultural Resource Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the establishment of an agricultural resource center in the R.C. 2 zone under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the establishment of an agricultural resource center.

BY adding

Section 101 - Definitions, the definition of Agricultural Resource Center, and Section 1A01.2.B.15  
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY,  
2 MARYLAND, that Section 101 - Definitions, the definition of Agricultural Resource Center, and  
3 1A01.2.B.15 be and they are hereby added to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended,  
4 to read as follows:

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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 101. DEFINITIONS.

2 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER - A SITE CONSISTING OF ONE HUNDRED AND  
3 FORTY OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON  
4 WHICH IS OWNED BY BALTIMORE COUNTY. AN AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER  
5 SHALL PROVIDE A CENTRAL LOCATION FOR TECHNICAL, RESEARCH-BASED  
6 AGRICULTURAL/NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL  
7 AGRICULTURAL/NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS. ITS PURPOSE IS TO ENHANCE THE  
8 COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC POSITION AND AGRICULTURAL  
9 SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS FOR THE FARMING COMMUNITY AND OTHER CITIZENS.  
10 PERMITTED USES ARE LIMITED TO AGRICULTURAL AND EQUINE SUPPORT AGENCIES  
11 AND ORGANIZATIONS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS  
12 RELATING TO ALL ASPECTS OF AGRICULTURAL, EQUINE, CONSERVATION,  
13 HISTORICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE USES, AND CERTAIN  
14 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, ALL AS FURTHER DEFINED IN THE BALTIMORE COUNTY  
15 CENTER FOR MARYLAND AGRICULTURE MASTER PLAN. USES PERMITTED IN THE R.C.  
16 2 ZONE ARE ALSO PERMITTED.

17 Section 1A01  
18 R.C. 2 (Agricultural) Zone

19 1A01.2 Use regulations.

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

21 15. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CENTER IS  
22 LOCATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITHIN ONE MILE OF AN INTERCHANGE OF AN  
23 INTERSTATE EXPRESSWAY AND FOR WHICH ANY PROPOSED USE IS CONSISTENT WITH

1 THE BALTIMORE COUNTY CENTER FOR MARYLAND AGRICULTURE MASTER PLAN.

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

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