

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2012, Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 16-12

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Mr. Todd Huff, Councilman

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By the County Council, March 5, 2012

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations - Mercantile Exposition Overlay District

FOR the purpose of establishing the Mercantile Exposition Overlay District; providing for certain specified regulations and uses; and generally relating to the Mercantile Exposition Overlay District.

BY adding

Section 259.14  
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations 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 § 259.14. MERCANTILE EXPOSITION OVERLAY DISTRICT.

2 A. STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT FOR MERCANTILE EXPOSITION OVERLAY  
3 DISTRICT.

4 THE MERCANTILE EXPOSITION (M.E.) OVERLAY DISTRICT IS ESTABLISHED TO  
5 ALLOW COMMERCIAL, ENTERTAINMENT AND AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES,  
6 INCLUDING EXPOSITIONS, FAIRS, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTING, AND  
7 AGRICULTURAL RELATED EVENTS, THAT SUPPORT AN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
8 ORGANIZATION AND ATTRACT LOCAL TOURISM. THE M.E. DISTRICT IS NOT  
9 INTENDED TO PERMIT A SLOT MACHINE PARLOR OR VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY.

10 B. SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR M.E. DISTRICTS.

11 1. THE M.E. DISTRICT MAY BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A TRACT OF LAND, OR A  
12 PORTION THEREOF, CONTAINING A MINIMUM OF 80 ACRES THAT IS OWNED BY AN  
13 AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AND IS ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR SEMI-  
14 INDUSTRIAL USE (M.H., M.L., M.L.R., M.R., B.R., AND/OR B.M.).

15 2. A TRACT OF LAND WITH THE M.E. DISTRICT DESIGNATION MAY BE  
16 IMPROVED WITH BUILDINGS ~~OR~~, STRUCTURES, OR USES THAT MEET THE BULK  
17 REGULATIONS OF THE UNDERLYING ZONE OR ARE LEGALLY NONCONFORMING  
18 PURSUANT TO SECTION 104, AND ARE FOR ~~AGRICULTURAL RELATED USES~~ THOSE  
19 USES SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION C BELOW AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.

20 C. USES PERMITTED BY RIGHT. THE FOLLOWING LISTED COMMERCIAL AND  
21 AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ARE PERMITTED:

22 A. 1. ANIMAL SHOWS AND JUDGING.

- 1            ~~B:~~ 2. ATHLETIC EVENTS.
- 2            ~~C:~~ 3. CARNIVALS, FAIRS, AND CIRCUSES.
- 3            4. CAMPING AND SCOUTING EVENTS.
- 4            ~~D:~~ 5. CASINO EVENTS PURSUANT TO A VALID PERMIT ISSUED AND IN  
5 ACCORDANCE WITH RULES SET FORTH BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS,  
6 APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS.
- 7            ~~E:~~ 6. COMMUNITY MEETINGS.
- 8            ~~F:~~ 7. CONCERTS.
- 9            8. EDUCATION AND TRAINING DEMONSTRATIONS AND SEMINARS.
- 10           ~~G:~~ 9. EXHIBITIONS.
- 11           ~~H:~~ 10. FOOD BOOTHS AND STANDS.
- 12           11. FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES.
- 13           ~~I:~~ 12. FUNDRAISERS.
- 14           ~~J:~~ 13. GAMES AND RIDES.
- 15           ~~K:~~ 14. GAMING EVENTS AUTHORIZED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 6 OF  
16 THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.
- 17           ~~L:~~ 15. HOME, ARTS, FARM, AND GARDEN SHOWS.
- 18           ~~M:~~ 16. HORSE DISPLAY, BOARDING, TRAINING OR SALE.
- 19           17. HOT AIR BALLOON EVENTS.
- 20           ~~N:~~ 18. LIVESTOCK AND 4H SHOWS.
- 21           ~~O:~~ 19. LIVESTOCK DISPLAY OR SALE.
- 22           20. LODGING AS AN ANCILLARY USE.

1 P: 21. LOTTERIES AUTHORIZED UNDER TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE  
2 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

3 22. MOTOR SPORTS AND RACES.

4 23. RELIGIOUS USES AND ACTIVITIES.

5 ~~Q:~~ 24. RODEOS.

6 ~~R:~~ 25. SALES AND AUCTIONS.

7 26. TESTING CENTER.

8 ~~S:~~ 27. THEATERS.

9 ~~T:~~ 28. THOROUGHBRED HORSE RACING AND PARI-MUTUEL BETTING AS  
10 AUTHORIZED UNDER TITLE 11 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE OF THE  
11 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

12 ~~U:~~ 29. TRADE SHOWS AND BUSINESS SHOWS.

13 ~~V:~~ 30. OTHER ~~COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL~~ USES, EVENTS, OR  
14 ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SIMILAR OR CONSISTENT WITH THE USES LISTED ABOVE,  
15 AND SUPPORT THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION.

16 D. USES PROHIBITED. THE USE OF LAND WITH THE M.E. DISTRICT DESIGNATION AS  
17 A VIDEO LOTTERY DESTINATION LOCATION, A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY, AND THE  
18 USE OF VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS, AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN TITLE 9,  
19 SUBTITLE 1A OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF  
20 MARYLAND, IS PROHIBITED.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by the  
22 affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect ~~April 2, 2012~~ April 16,  
23 2012.