

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 22-008

Brief Title (Zoning-Entertainment and Events Center)

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

Mykia A. Dixon  
Council Administrator

Date 5-24-22

**ENROLLED**

Robert W. Smith  
Council President

Date May 24 2022

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 22-017

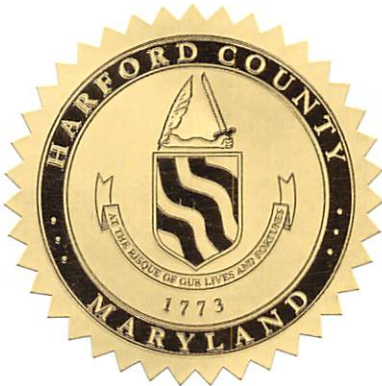
Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

Mykia A. Dixon  
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Mykia A. Dixon  
Council Administrator



**BY THE EXECUTIVE**

[Signature]  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date 5/26/2022

**BY THE COUNCIL**

This Bill No. 22-008 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on May 26, 2022.

EFFECTIVE: July 25, 2022

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 22-008

Introduced by Council President Vincenti at the request of the County Executive  
and Council Member Giangiordano

Legislative Day No. 22-013 Date April 19, 2022

AN ACT to add the definition of “entertainment and events center” to Section 267-4, Definitions, of Article I, General Provisions; to add new Subsection A(13), Entertainment and Events Center, to Section 267-88, Specific Standards, of Article IX, Special Exceptions; and to repeal and reenact, with amendments, the Permitted Uses Chart (Amusements), all of Part 1, Standards, of Chapter 267, Zoning, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for a definition of entertainment and events center and allow these uses as special exceptions in the B2, B3, LI, CI, GI and MO Zoning Districts and to set forth the eligibility requirements and development standards; and generally relating to zoning.

By the Council, April 19, 2022

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: May 17, 2022

at: 6:45 PM

By Order: *Mylin A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on May 17, 2022, and concluded on May 17, 2022.

*Mylin A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that the definition of “entertainment and events center” be, and it is hereby, added to Section 267-4, Definitions, of Article I, General Provisions; that new Subsection A(13), Entertainment and Events Center, be, and it is hereby, added to Section 267-88, Specific Standards, of Article IX, Special Exceptions; and that the Permitted Uses Chart (Amusements), be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments, all of Part 1, Standards, of Chapter 267, Zoning, of the Harford County Code, as amended, and all to read as follows:

**Chapter 267. Zoning**

**Part 1. Standards**

**Article I. General Provisions**

**§ 267-4. Definitions.**

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS CENTER – AN INTEGRATED VENUE FOR INDOOR AND/OR OUTDOOR AMUSEMENT, RECREATION AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH A COMBINATION OF AMUSEMENT, RECREATION, SOCIAL, RETAIL, OFFICE AND SERVICE USES.

**Article IX. Special Exceptions**

**§ 267-88. Specific Standards.**

The special exceptions enumerated herein, in addition to other conditions as may be imposed by the Board, shall comply with the following requirements:

**A. Amusements.**

(13) ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS CENTER. THIS USE MAY BE GRANTED IN THE B2, B3, CI, LI, GI AND MO ZONING DISTRICTS PROVIDED THAT:

(A) A MINIMUM PARCEL AREA OF 5 ACRES IS ESTABLISHED.

1 (B) THE ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS CENTER SHALL BE SERVED  
2 BY PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES.

3 (C) THE USE SHALL BE SETBACK A MINIMUM OF 100 FEET FROM  
4 RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PARCELS.

5 (D) IN THE CI, LI AND GI ZONING DISTRICTS, A 200-FOOT SETBACK  
6 SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FROM ANY ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIAL  
7 USE THAT MANUFACTURES CHEMICAL, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
8 INCLUDING REFINING AND LUBRICATING OILS AND GREASES,  
9 AMMUNITION ORDNANCE AND ACCESSORIES, STEEL OR METAL  
10 MANUFACTURING, RECLAIMED RUBBER, RECYCLING CENTERS,  
11 SECONDARY SMELTING AND REFINING, OR TIRE AND INNER  
12 TUBES.

13 (E) PURSUANT TO § 267-30 (BUFFER YARDS), A TYPE "E" BUFFER  
14 SHALL BE ESTABLISHED ALONG ALL RESIDENTIAL LOT LINES  
15 AND A TYPE "A" BUFFER SHALL BE ESTABLISHED ALONG ALL  
16 NON-RESIDENTIAL LOT LINES, EXCLUDING ADJOINING PUBLIC  
17 OR PRIVATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

18 (F) NO OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ARE PERMITTED BETWEEN 10:00 P.M.  
19 AND 8:00 A.M. SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND BETWEEN  
20 11:00 P.M. AND 8:00 A.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

21 (G) ANY LIGHTING SHALL BE SHADED, SHIELDED OR DIRECTED SO  
22 THAT THE LIGHT INTENSITY OR BRIGHTNESS DOES NOT  
23 ADVERSELY AFFECT THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES OR REFLECT

1 INTO THE RESIDENTIAL LOTS OR BUILDINGS AND MAY BE USED  
2 ONLY DURING THE PERMITTED HOURS OF OPERATION.

3 (H) THE SITE SHALL PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 1 OF THE PERMITTED  
4 USES FROM THE AMUSEMENTS CLASSIFICATION ON THE  
5 PERMITTED USES CHART AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION [1]  
6 BELOW AND SHALL BE DESIGNED TO INTEGRATE A MINIMUM  
7 OF 2 OTHER PERMITTED USES AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION [2]  
8 BELOW:

9 [1] AMUSEMENTS.

10 [A] COMMERCIAL AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

11 [B] GYMNASIUM AND HEALTH CLUBS.

12 [C] NIGHTCLUBS, LOUNGES, BARS AND TAVERNS.

13 [D] PRIVATE PARTIES AND RECEPTIONS.

14 [E] INDOOR THEATERS.

15 [F] OUTDOOR THEATERS.

16 [2] RETAIL TRADE AND SERVICES.

17 [A] BREWERY, MICRO.

18 [B] BREWERY, PUB.

19 [C] DISTILLERY, LIMITED.

20 [D] RESTAURANTS.

21 [E] RESTAURANTS, TAKE-OUT.

22 [F] SHOPPERS MERCHANDISE STORE.

23 [G] SPECIALTY SHOP.

1 [H] LIQUOR STORE.

2 [I] PERSONAL SERVICE, EXCLUDING TATTOO  
3 PARLORS.

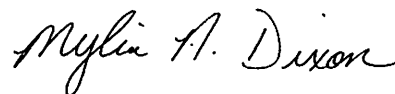
4 [J] PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

5 (I) ONE USE FROM THE AMUSEMENTS CLASSIFICATION ON THE  
6 PERMITTED USES CHART AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION [1]  
7 ABOVE, AS WELL AS A MINIMUM OF 2 ADDITIONAL PERMITTED  
8 USES AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTIONS [1] AND [2] ABOVE, SHALL  
9 BE OPERATIONAL AT ALL TIMES.

10 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the  
11 date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: July 25, 2022

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that  
seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for  
distribution to the public and the press.*



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Council Administrator

USE CLASSIFICATION	ZONING DISTRICTS															
AMUSEMENTS	AG	RR	R1	R2	R3	R4	RO	VR	VB	B1	B2	B3	CI	LI	GI	MO
Adult book stores, adult entertainment centers												P				
Agricultural public events	P															
Agricultural resource center	SE															
Arenas and stadiums												SE	SE	SE	SE	
Carnivals, circuses, concerts & public events (excluding religious activities)	T							T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	
Club, private										P	P	P				
Club, recreational	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE					P	P	P		SE	
Commercial amusement and recreation						P			P		P	P	P	P		P
ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS CENTER											SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Fairgrounds, racetracks, and theme parks	SE												SE	SE	SE	
Golf driving ranges and miniature golf courses	SE								SE			P	P			
Gymnasiums and health clubs									P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Marinas, boat launching, storage and repair	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE				SE	SE	P	P	SE	P	
Motor vehicle recreation, ATV and go-cart tracks	SE														SE	
Nightclubs, lounges, bars and taverns									P			P	P			P
Noncompetitive recreational amusement cars													P			
Private parties and receptions	SD															
Riding stables, commercial or club (except accessory uses)	SD/SE											P	P			
Shooting ranges, indoor	SE											P	P			
Theaters, indoor	SE								P		P	P	P			P
Theaters, outdoor	SE								P			P	P			P
Trap, skeet, rifle and archery ranges, outdoor	SE												SE		SE	

(1) Indicates permitted in the Edgewood Neighborhood Overlay District (ENOD) only.  
 (2) RO - maximum of 4 units.  
 (3) Indicates permitted in the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor (CSSC) only.  
 (4) The following shoppers merchandise stores-business and office equipment rental or leasing, business equipment sales, party supply shops, photography equipment and supply shops, and medical equipment rental and sales, are permitted in the RO District.

KEY:	
"P"	indicates permitted subject to applicable code requirements
"SD"	indicates permitted subject to special-development regulations, pursuant to Article VIII.
"SE"	indicates permitted subject to special-exception regulations, pursuant to Article IX.
"T"	indicates permitted subject to temporary-use regulations, pursuant to § 267-28 (temporary uses).
	A blank cell indicates that the use is not permitted.
"SE"	indicates permitted subject to special-exception regulations, pursuant to Article XI.