

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 7

Bill No. 29-25

Introduced by Ms. Leadbetter

By the County Council, April 7, 2025

Introduced and first read on April 7, 2025

Public Hearing set for and held on May 5, 2025

Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on May 19, 2025

Bill Expires July 11, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Construction Property and Maintenance Codes – Codes
2 and Supplements – Zoning – Conditional Uses – Large Animal Veterinarian Clinic
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4 FOR the purpose of exempting large animal veterinarian clinics from building permits
5 if located in a pre-existing agricultural building; defining large animal veterinarian
6 clinics; allowing large animal veterinarian clinics as a conditional use in a rural
7 agricultural zoning district; and generally relating to construction property and
8 maintenance codes and zoning.
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10 BY renumbering: §§ 18-1-101(163) through (173); and 18-10-172 through
11 18-10-175 respectively, to be 18-1-101(164) through (174); and 18-10-173
12 through 18-10-176, respectively
13 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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15 BY adding: §§ 18-1-101(163); and 18-10-172
16 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: Construction Code, Chapter 1,
19 §105.2.1.14.1
20 Anne Arundel County Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement,
21 October 1, 2005 (as amended)

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.

BY adding: Construction Code, Chapter 1, § 105.2.1.14.8
Anne Arundel County Construction and Property Maintenance Code Supplement,
October 1, 2005 (as amended)

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

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
That §§ 18-1-101(163) through (173); and 18-10-172 through 18-10-175, respectively, of
the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) are hereby renumbered to be
§§ 18-1-101(164) through (174); and 18-10-173 through 18-10-176, respectively.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Anne Arundel County Construction
and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement, October 1, 2005 (as amended) read as
follows:

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES SUPPLEMENT
October 1, 2005

CONSTRUCTION CODE

Chapter 1
Construction Code Administrative Provisions

Section 105
Permits

105.2 Work exempt from permit. Exemptions from permit requirements of the
Construction Code may not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in
any manner in violation of the provisions of the Construction Code or any other laws or
ordinances of this County. Permits shall not be required for the following:

105.2.1. Buildings:

105.2.1.14 Agricultural buildings, specifically livestock shelters, livestock
buildings, shade structures, milking barns, structures for primary agricultural and value-
added processing, poultry shelters, barns, buildings and structures used for storage of farm
equipment and machinery, horticultural structures, detached production greenhouses, crop
protection shelters, sheds, grain silos, riding arenas, stables, and buildings or structures for
farm alcohol production facilities. The following are not agricultural buildings for the
purpose of this Code:

105.2.1.14.1 Buildings or structures that house livestock, horses, equipment,
machinery or fowl owned by others than the landowner or farm manager, unless covered

by the terms ~~or of~~ a written agreement ~~OR WHEN UTILIZED AS A LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARIAN CLINIC, AS DEFINED IN § 18-1-101 OF THE COUNTY CODE.~~

105.2.1.14.8 A BUILDING UTILIZED AS A LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARIAN CLINIC, AS DEFINED IN § 18-1-101 OF THE COUNTY CODE, UNLESS THE LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARIAN CLINIC IS LOCATED IN AN EXISTING BUILDING CONSTRUCTED UNDER A BUILDING PERMIT.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

ARTICLE 18. ZONING

TITLE 1. DEFINITIONS

18-1-101. Definitions.

Unless defined in this article, the Natural Resources Article of the State Code, or COMAR, words defined elsewhere in this Code apply in this article. The following words have the meanings indicated:

(163) "VETERINARIAN CLINIC, LARGE ANIMAL" MEANS A FACILITY OPERATED BY AT LEAST ONE ~~MARYLAND LICENSED VETERINARIAN~~ LICENSED DIPLOMAT OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS SPECIALIZING IN THE HEALTH AND TREATMENT OF LARGE FARM ANIMALS SUCH AS EQUINE, SWINE, CATTLE, GOATS, FOWL, AND SIMILAR FARM OR LIVESTOCK ANIMALS.

TITLE 4. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

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

The permitted, conditional, and special exception uses allowed in each of the residential districts are listed in the chart in this section using the following key: P = permitted use; C = conditional use; SE = special exception use. A blank means that the use is not allowed in the district. Except as provided otherwise in this article, uses and structures customarily accessory to the listed uses also are allowed, except that guest houses as accessory structures are prohibited and outside storage as an accessory use is limited to the lesser of 10% of the allowed lot coverage or 500 square feet.

Permitted, Conditional, and Special Exception Uses	RA	RLD	R1	R2	R5	R10	R15	R22

Theaters, live performances, temporary outdoor	P		P	P				
VETERINARIAN CLINIC, LARGE ANIMAL	C							
Volunteer fire stations	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

TITLE 10. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES

18-10-172. Veterinarian clinic, large animal.

A LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARIAN CLINIC SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(1) THE FACILITY MAY BE LOCATED ON THE SAME LOT AS A SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED DWELLING OR A FARM TENANT HOUSE ~~IF THE FACILITY IS LOCATED IN AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, AS DEFINED IN § 105.2.1.14 OF THE CONSTRUCTION CODE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DWELLING IS ATTACHED TO THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING;~~

(2) THE FACILITY SHALL BE LOCATED ON A LOT OF AT LEAST FIVE ACRES;

(3) OVERNIGHT BOARDING OF HORSES OR LIVESTOCK ARE NOT PERMITTED, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OR AS PERMITTED UNDER § 105.2.1.14.1; AND

(4) THE FACILITY STRUCTURE SHALL BE SET BACK AT LEAST 50 FEET FROM PROPERTY LINES;

(5) THE FACILITY MAY INCLUDE AN ATTACHED APARTMENT DWELLING FOR USE BY A RESIDENT AFFILIATED WITH THE VETERINARIAN CLINIC; AND

(6) THE FACILITY SHALL BE OPERATED BY AT LEAST ONE LICENSED DIPLOMAT OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS.

SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: May 5, 2025

READ AND PASSED this 19th day of May, 2025

By Order:



Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 20th day of May, 2025



Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 21st day of May, 2025

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Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 5, 2025

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BILL NO. 29-25 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

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Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer