

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 4

Bill No. 16-25

Mr. David Marks, Councilman

By the County Council, February 18, 2025

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Uses Permitted in the R.C. 5 Zone – ~~Christmas Tree Farms and Plumbing, Mechanical, and Utility Companies~~ Combination of Farm and Non-Farm Uses
FOR the purpose permitting by-right certain combinations of Christmas tree farms and plumbing, mechanical, and utility companies, or combinations of farms and auxiliary small businesses uses in certain areas of the Resource Conservation 5 (R.C. 5) Zone; providing conditions for the uses; permitting certain related uses if the area is screened and lighted; and generally relating to ~~Christmas tree farms, plumbing, mechanical, and utility companies and~~ farm and non-farm uses permitted in the R.C. 5 Zone.

BY adding

Section 1A04.2.A.4
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

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 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

ARTICLE 1A – RESOURCE CONSERVATION ZONES

Section 1A04 – R.C. 5 (Rural-Residential) Zone

§ 1A04.2. Use regulations.

A. Uses permitted as of right. The following uses, only, are permitted as of right in R.C.
5 Zones:

4. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THESE
REGULATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, ~~A ANY COMBINATION OF A CHRISTMAS TREE
FARM AND A PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, AND UTILITY COMPANY, OR ANY
COMBINATION OF A FARM AND AN AUXILIARY SMALL BUSINESS CONSISTING
ONLY OF SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT,~~
PROVIDED;

A. THE USE IS LOCATED: ON A COMBINATION OF LOTS THAT
TOGETHER ARE GREATER THAN 15 ACRES IN SIZE; AND WITHIN THE KINGSVILLE
REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT; ~~AND EAST OF INTERSTATE I-95. PROVIDED;~~

B. THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE COMBINED USE IS
LOCATED HAS BEEN LIGHTED AND SCREENED ACCORDING TO AN APPROVED
LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING PLAN THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS COUNTY
REQUIREMENTS;

1 C. THE COMBINED USE MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
2 RELATED ACCESSORY USES: WAREHOUSING; STORAGE, INCLUDING THE
3 OUTSIDE STORAGE OF NECESSARY MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES;
4 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES; AND PARKING OF BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AND
5 VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BUSINESS; AND

6 D. THE COMBINED USE MAY INCLUDE ON-SITE AND ONLINE
7 SALES OF PRODUCE AND FARM-RELATED PRODUCTS, FARM TOURS, AND
8 SEASONAL FARMDAY EVENTS; AND COMMERCIAL, NON-FARM RELATED
9 PARKING IS LIMITED TO 25 SPACES.

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11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
12 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days from the
13 date of its enactment and shall expire on October 1, 2028 without the necessity of further action
14 by the County Council.



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