

Zoning Text Amendment No.: 17-06
Concerning: Agricultural Zone –
Transfer of Development
Rights Requirements
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**COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Floreen

AN AMENDMENT to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance to:

- exempt certain dwellings in the Agricultural Zone from the calculation of density under certain circumstances;
- change the name of “Farm Tenant Dwelling” to “Farm Labor Housing Unit”, and
- generally amend the provisions concerning the special requirements for the transfer of density

By amending the following sections of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 59 of the Montgomery County Code:

DIVISION 59-1.4.	“Defined Terms”
Section 1.4.2.	“Specific Terms and Phrases Defined”
Division 3.1.	“Use Table”
Division 3.3.	“Residential Uses”
Section 3.3.3.	“Accessory Residential Uses”
Section 3.5.6.	“Lodging”
DIVISION 59-4.	“Development Standards for Euclidean Zones”
DIVISION 59-4.2.	“Agricultural Zone”
Section 4.2.1.	“Agricultural Reserve Zone (AR)”
Section 6.2.4.	“Parking Requirements”
Section 6.3.4.	“Rural Open Space”

OLD ZONING ORDINANCE TO NEW ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION
CROSS REFERENCE

EXPLANATION: **Boldface** indicates a Heading or a defined term.

Underlining indicates text that is added to existing law by the original text amendment.

[Single boldface brackets] indicate text that is deleted from existing law by original text amendment.

Double underlining indicates text that is added to the text amendment by amendment.

[[Double boldface brackets]] indicate text that is deleted from the text amendment by amendment.

* * * indicates existing law unaffected by the text amendment.

ORDINANCE

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following ordinance:

Sec. 1. DIVISION 59-1.4. is amended as follows:

Division 1.4. Defined Terms

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Section 1.4.2. Specific Terms and Phrases Defined

In this Chapter, terms that are not specifically defined have their ordinary meaning.

The following words and phrases have the meanings indicated.

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Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit: See Section 3.3.3.E.1

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Sec. 2. DIVISION 59-3. is amended as follows:

Division 3.1. Use Table

Section 3.1.6. Use Table

The following Use Table identifies uses allowed in each zone. Uses may be modified in Overlay zones under Division 4.9.

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USE OR USE GROUP	Definitions and Standards	Ag	Rural Residential			Residential												Commercial/ Residential			Employment				Industrial		
						Residential Detached								Residential Townhouse			Residential Multi-Unit										
		AR	R	RC	RNC	RE-2	RE-2C	RE-1	R-200	R-90	R-60	R-40	TLD	TMD	THD	R-30	R-20	R-10	CRN	CRT	CR	GR	NR	LSC	EOF	IL	IM
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ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL USES	3.3.3.																										
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Division 3.3. Residential Uses

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Section 3.3.3. Accessory Residential Uses

A. Accessory Apartment, In General

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2. Use Standards for all Accessory Apartments

- a. Where an Accessory Apartment is allowed as a limited use, it must satisfy the following standards:

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- iv. An Accessory Apartment must not be located on a lot where any other allowed rental Residential use exists; however, an Accessory Apartment may be located on a lot in an Agricultural or Rural Residential zone that includes a Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit or a Guest House.

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E. Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit

1. Defined

Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit means a dwelling unit accessory to the farm and under the control of the owner or operator of the farm on which the dwelling unit is located and occupied by an agricultural worker actively engaged in farming on a full-time or part-time basis. Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit includes up to 3 mobile homes. A Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit is not restricted by the definition of household or dwelling unit, and may share a well or septic system or both.

2. Use Standards

Where a Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit is allowed as a limited use, it must satisfy the following standards:

- a. In the Agricultural and Rural Residential zones, it is excluded from any density calculations[,] if it remains accessory to a farm. If the property associated with a Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit is subsequently subdivided so that it is no longer accessory to the farm as defined in Section 59.3.7.4.B, the Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit is included in the density calculations.
- b. The maximum number of tenants in a single dwelling is limited by well and septic capacity.
- c. In the RE-2C zone, only one Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit is allowed and it must be a mobile home.
- d. In the Agricultural, Rural Residential, RE-2, and RE-1 zones, a Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit in existence before June 1, 1958[,] may be rented to a tenant other than an agricultural worker, if the dwelling meets all applicable health and safety regulations.
- e. In the RE-2, RE-1, and R-200 zones, only one mobile home is allowed.
- f. The owner must record a covenant against the property to which the Farm Labor Housing Unit is accessory, with restrictions that satisfy Section 3.3.3.E. The covenant must be in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office, the County's Office of Agriculture, and the Planning Board. The

owner must record the covenant before filing an application for
a building permit for the unit.

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Section 3.5.6. Lodging

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B. Bed and Breakfast

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2. Use Standards

a. Where a Bed and Breakfast is allowed as a limited use, it must
satisfy the following standards:

- i. A Bed and Breakfast is prohibited in a dwelling unit that
also provides guest rooms for roomers, or in a Farm
[Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit, or on a site that
includes an Accessory Apartment.

Sec. 3. Article 59-4. is amended as follows:

Division 4.1. Rules for All Zones

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Section 4.1.2. Compliance Required

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C. In the Agricultural, Rural Residential, and Residential Detached zones, only
one detached house is allowed per lot, except as allowed under Section 3.1.6
for a Detached Accessory Apartment, Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor
Housing Unit, or Guest House, or under Section 7.7.1.A.1 for an Existing
Structure on October 30, 2014.

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Division 4.2. Agricultural Zone

Section 4.2.1. Agricultural Reserve Zone (AR)

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98 **D. Special Requirements for the Transfer of Density**

99 1. In General

100 a. Under Section 4.9.15.B and in conformance with a general
 101 plan, master plan, or functional master plan, residential density
 102 may be transferred at the rate of one development right per 5
 103 acres minus one development right for each existing dwelling
 104 unit, from the AR zone to a TDR Overlay zone. A development
 105 right is not required for the following dwelling units on land in
 106 the AR zone as long as the dwelling unit remains accessory to
 107 Farming and the principal dwelling:

108 [a] i. Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit[,]; and

109 [b. Attached Accessory Apartment,]

110 [c] ii. Detached Accessory Apartment[, and

111 d. Bed and Breakfast.]

112 b. If a property is subdivided so that any Farm Labor Housing
 113 Units or Detached Accessory Apartments are no longer
 114 accessory to the farm as defined in Section 59.3.7.4.B,
 115 [dwellings associated with these uses] any Farm Labor Housing
 116 Units or Detached Accessory Apartments are not excluded from
 117 the calculation of density and must have retained a development
 118 right in addition to the retained development right for any
 119 newly created lot; however, these dwellings are excluded from
 120 the density calculation and need not have a retained
 121 development right if:

122 i. the dwelling remains accessory to Farming and the
 123 principal dwelling; or

ii. the subdivision is for the sole purpose of creating a child lot.

c. The density transfer provisions are not applicable to publicly owned rights-of-way for roads, streets, alleys, easements, or rapid transit routes classified in the AR zone.

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Sec. 4. DIVISION 59-6. is amended as follows:

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Section 6.2.4. Parking Requirements

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B. Vehicle Parking Spaces

USE or USE GROUP	Metric	Agricultural, Rural Residential, Residential, and Industrial Zones	Commercial/Residential and Employment Zones		
			Within a Parking Lot District or Reduced Parking Area		Outside a Parking Lot District or Reduced Parking Area
		Baseline Minimum	Baseline Minimum	Baseline Maximum	Baseline Minimum
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Accessory Residential Uses					
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Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit	Dwelling Unit	1.00	--	--	--
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Section 6.3.4. Rural Open Space

A. General Requirements

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4. Uses in Rural Open Space

- a. In the RC zone, the following uses allowed under Article 59-3 are prohibited in any rural open space area:

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- vii. Farm [Tenant Dwelling] Labor Housing Unit not associated with a farm in the rural open space;

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**Sec. 5. OLD ZONING ORDINANCE TO NEW ZONING
ORDINANCE SECTION CROSS REFERENCE is amended as follows:**

Old ZONING ORDINANCE	New ZONING ORDINANCE
Article 59-G. Special Exceptions, Variances, and Nonconforming Uses.	
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Division 59-G-2. Special Exceptions—Standards and Requirements.	Division 3.2. thru Division 3.7.
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Sec. 59-G-2.00.1. Accessory dwelling.	Sec. 3.3.3.E.2. Use Standards [Farm [Tenant Dwelling] <u>Labor Housing Unit</u>]
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Sec. 59-G-2.21.4. Farm tenant mobile home.	Sec. 3.3.3.E.2. Use Standards [Farm [Tenant Dwelling] <u>Labor Housing Unit</u>]
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Sec. 6. Effective date. This ordinance becomes effective 20 days after the date of Council adoption.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council