

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 13-02

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Special Events in the Resource Conservation Area in Queen Anne’s County;

FOR THE PURPOSE of defining “Special Events” and adopting specific additional standards and requirements for such Special Events in the Resource Conservation Area of Queen Anne’s County;

BY ADDING a definition of “Special Events” to Section 14-11 and adding Subsection 14:1-39 B. (3)(e)[21] to Chapter 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Chapter 14:1 of the Code of Public Local Laws be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

*Chapter 14 Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Act*

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**§14-11. Definitions.**

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SPECIAL EVENTS – Personal or business social engagement or activities conducted at a bed-and-breakfast, single family residence, or on a farm where guests assemble for parties, wedding event, reunions, birthday celebrations, or similar uses for compensation, during which food and beverages may be served to guests and music and other entertainment is provided to guests. This definition shall not include places of worship.

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**§ 14:1-39. Development standards in resource conservation areas. [Amended 10-17-1997 by Ord. No. 97-07; 11-19-1999 by Ord. No. 99-17]**

A. *Permitted uses. Except as provided herein, uses permitted within RCA development areas shall be those permitted in the applicable underlying base zoning district. For a specific determination of permitted uses refer to the Queen Anne's County Code. All permitted uses shall be subject to the following development standards and/or conditions in addition to those established in other sections of this Chapter 14:1.*

B. *Uses not permitted or strictly limited.*

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*(3)The following shall apply to commercial, institutional and industrial facilities in the*

resource conservation area:

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(e) Certain nonresidential uses may be permitted in resource conservation areas if it is first determined by that the proposed use is one of the following:

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[21] Special events may be permitted in the RCA in the Agricultural and Countryside zoning classification in accordance with the provisions of § 18:1-95. T. and the following additional standards:

1. All lot coverage pertaining to the Special Events activities including but not limited to temporary structures, temporary tents and temporary pavement surfaces must occur outside the buffer unless the lot coverage existed at the time of Conditional Use application.

2. A scaled drawing of the site showing the location of the proposed structures to be provided for Special Events including any temporary structures, temporary tents, and temporary parking surfaces must be submitted with the Conditional Use application and annually with the Special Events zoning certificate required in § 18:1-95. T.

3. Provisions pertaining to lot coverage and clearing limits in the RCA contained in this chapter apply to Special Event activity.

4. Properties forty (40) acres or less are limited to a maximum of twenty (20) events per calendar year. Properties greater than forty (40) acres are limited to a maximum of thirty-five (35) events per calendar year.

## **SECTION II**

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that this Act shall take effect on the forty-sixth (46<sup>th</sup>) day following its enactment.

**INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Dumenil**

**DATE: June 11, 2013**

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD: July 23, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay**

**DATE OF ADOPTION: August 13, 2013**

**AFFECTIVE DATE: September 28, 2013**

**Please refer to TA 12-20. Since this Ordinance was introduced in 2013, the number was changed to 13-02.**