

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 13-02**

**AN AMENDMENT TO
A BILL ENTITLED**

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

**FOR THE PURPOSE of amending pending County Ordinance 13-02 to
provide for review of Special Events Zoning Certificates by the Critical Area
Commission; providing additional standards and requirements for such Special
Events in the Resource Conservation Area of Queen Anne’s County.**

**BY AMENDING pending County Ordinance 13-02 to add a requirement for
review of Special Events Zoning Certificates by the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area
Commission and adding additional requirements for such Special Events.**

SECTION I

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S
COUNTY, MARYLAND that pending County Ordinance 13-02 be amended to
propose that Chapter 14:1 of the Code of Public Local Laws 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 the Department 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 and demonstrating the site requirements in § 18:1-95. T and 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. The scaled drawing must demonstrate how the Special Event use will minimize impacts to natural resources and protects the defined land uses in RCA found in this Chapter.

3. Provisions pertaining to lot coverage and clearing limits in the RCA contained in this chapter apply to Special Event activities. Special Event activities shall be in close proximity to existing structures and facilities on the property to minimize adverse impacts to natural resources and are accessory to the principal use of the property.

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 and less than one hundred (100) acres are limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) events per calendar year. Properties greater than one hundred (100) acres are limited to a maximum of thirty-five (35) events per calendar year. An event has a maximum of two consecutive days consisting of 48 hours.

5. Critical Area Commission will review the Special Events Zoning Certificate as required in § 18:1-95. T for comment prior to its issuance.

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SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Amendment shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Dumenil

DATE: June 11, 2013

VOTE: 4 Yea 0 Nay (Commissioner Simmons abstained from the vote)

DATE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT: July 23, 2013