

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 06-10

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Agricultural Conference Facilities;

FOR THE PURPOSE of allowing Agricultural Conference Facilities as conditional uses in the AG (Agricultural) District; providing standards for such conditional use and providing a definition of Agricultural Conference Facility in Chapter 18 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

BY AMENDING Sections 18:1-14 and 18:1-95 of the Code of Public Local Laws and adding a new definition to Section 18 App-1 Definitions of the Code of Public Local Laws.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Section 18:1-14.C. of the Code of Public Local Laws be amended to read as follows:

§18:1-14. AG District

C. Conditional uses.

(1) Agricultural Conference Facilities

- (~~4~~2) Aquaculture, with more than two ponds created by extraction, or any single pond greater than five acres in size created by extraction, on any single lot.
- (~~2~~3) Campgrounds.
- (~~3~~4) Commercial apartments; allowed only in conjunction with a country store.
- (~~4~~5) Country inn.
- (~~5~~6) Country store.
- (~~6~~7) Major extraction and dredge disposal.
- (~~7~~8) Fraternal organizations.
- (~~8~~9) Funeral homes.
- (~~9~~10) Group day-care center.
- (~~10~~11) Institutional residential (serving six or more residents).
- (~~11~~12) Nonprofit and for-profit institutional.
- (~~12~~13) Organic fertilizer storage and transfer operations.
- (~~13~~14) Private airports.
- (~~14~~15) Private landing strips and heliports.
- (~~15~~16) Public heliports and airports.
- (~~16~~17) Public utilities.
- (~~17~~18) Rural country clubs.
- (~~18~~19) Shooting clubs.
- (~~19~~20) Telecommunications facilities.
- (~~20~~21) Youth camps.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a new Section 18:1-95.P. be added to the Code of Public Local Laws to read as follows:

§18:1-95. Additional standard for specified conditional uses.

P. Agricultural Conference Facilities.

- (1) An Agricultural Conference Facility shall be located on a single tract or parcel of land, zoned AG, containing a minimum acreage of one hundred (100) acres.
 - (a) The AG Conference Facility shall be located in an area where agriculture is the predominate use.
 - (b) The proposed conditional use shall require a determination from the Board of Appeals that the proposed uses and/or facilities will not adversely impact neighboring properties and are appropriate given site location and site conditions.
- (2) Overnight accommodations are prohibited.
- (3) Special events of a non-agricultural nature shall be permitted provided they do not constitute a majority of events held at the facility. In addition to these limitations, the Board of Appeals may further limit or prohibit non-agricultural special events if the Board of Appeals finds that such activity would have an adverse impact on traffic or neighboring properties.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a new definition be added to Section 18 App-1 Definitions of the Code of Public Local Laws to read as follows:

§18 App -1 Definitions

AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE FACILITY: A single facility or building located on agricultural land to facilitate and house agricultural meetings and conferences and other activities as permitted by §18:1-95.P.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Bill shall take effect on the forty-sixth (46th) day following its passage.

INTRODUCED BY: Joe Cupani at the request of a Citizen

DATE: July 11, 2006

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: August 15, 2006 @ 7:30 p.m.

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: September 5, 2006

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 29, 2006