

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 24-13

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Indoor Shooting Ranges in Queen Anne's County;

FOR THE PURPOSE OF providing a definition for "Shooting Range, Indoor"; providing that Indoor Shooting Ranges are permitted uses in the Urban Commercial (UC) District, the Suburban Industrial (SI) District, the Airport Protection and Kent Island Gateway District, and the Suburban Industrial Business Employment (SIBE) District in Queen Anne's County; providing that such use shall not be located within 100 feet of any residential use; and otherwise defining, regulating and addressing indoor shooting ranges in Queen Anne's County;

BY AMENDING §18 App-1, §18:1-22, §18:1-23; §18:1-34 and §18:1-35 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland;

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that Sections 18 App-1, 18:1-22, 18:1-23, 18:1-34 and 18:1-35 be and are hereby AMENDED to read as set forth on the attached.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall be effective on the forty-sixth (46th) day following its adoption.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Corchiarino

DATE: September 24, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: October 22, 2024

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: 11/12/24

§ 18App-1. Definitions.

In Chapter 18, the following words have the meanings indicated:

ABUT — Having a common border with, or being separated from such a common border by an alley, easement, or right-of-way.

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SHOOTING CLUB

A commercial or private establishment that provides trap shooting, target practice, skeet shooting, sporting clays, regulated shooting area as defined and is permitted by DNR, and similar shooting-related activities.

SHOOTING RANGE, INDOOR— AN ENCLOSED FACILITY DESIGNED FOR THE SHOOTING OF FIREARMS FOR COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, OR TRAINING PURPOSES. AN INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE MAY INCLUDE THE SERVICE OF GUNSMITHING, THE RETAIL SALE OF FIREARMS AND FIREARMS-RELATED EQUIPMENT, AN AREA DESIGNATED FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING, AND AN AREA DESIGNATED FOR FIREARM-RELATED EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

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ZONING MAP —

- A. A detailed map showing the location and boundaries of the zoning districts established by this Chapter 18.
- B. Zoning maps are entitled "Official Zoning Maps, Queen Anne's County, Maryland."

§ 18:1-22. Urban Commercial (UC) District.

- A. Purpose. The Urban Commercial (UC) District is intended to provide primarily for a variety of *commercial and limited light industrial uses* in predominately urban areas along major highways. Stringent design and landscaping standards within the UC District are intended to minimize the impacts of highway *commercial uses*.
- B. Permitted *uses*.
- (1) *Agricultural support.*
 - (2) *Auctions.*
 - (3) *Carry-out food service.*
 - (4) *Coffee shop.*
 - (5) *Commercial apartments.*
 - (6) *Convenience stores, with or without gas pumps.*
 - (7) *Country inn.*
 - (8) *Country store.*
 - (9) *Deli.*
 - (10) *Drive-through beverage stand.*
 - (11) *Effluent disposal.*
 - (12) *Family day-care center.*
 - (13) *Farmers market.*
 - (14) *Fraternal organizations.*
 - (15) *Funeral homes.*
 - (16) *Group day-care center.*
 - (17) *High commercial.*
 - (18) *Hotels.*
 - (19) *Light industrial.*
 - (20) *Low commercial.*
 - (21) *Manufactured home* single-wide; allowed only as a replacement for any legal existing *mobile home* or single-wide home; and to provide temporary shelter, provided the provisions of § 18:1-53 of this Chapter 18:1 have been met.
 - (22) *Medium commercial.*
 - (23) *Miniwarehouse (with or without exterior storage).*
 - (24) *Noncommercial forestry.*

(25) *Nonprofit and for-profit institutional.*

(26) *Nurseries.*

(27) *Outdoor recreation.*

(28) *Parking.*

(29) *Public service.*

(30) ***SHOOTING RANGE, INDOOR; SHALL BE LOCATED A MINIMUM OF 100 FEET FROM ANY RESIDENTIAL USE***

~~(30)~~(31) *Shopping centers.*

~~(31)~~(32) *Veterinary offices.*

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§ 18:1-23. Suburban Industrial (SI) District.

A. Purpose. The Suburban Industrial (SI) District is intended to provide primarily for the *development of office, regional commercial, warehouse, and light industrial uses* that are compatible with surrounding *development*. New *development* within the SI District should provide adequate *screening and buffer yards* in order to minimize adverse impacts to surrounding areas.

B. Permitted *uses*.

(1) *Agricultural support.*

(2) *Business and professional offices.*

(3) *Effluent disposal.*

(4) *Family day-care center.*

(5) *Garden centers, garden supplies, and greenhouses.*

(6) *Grocery stores and supermarkets (excluding convenience stores).*

(7) *Group day-care center.*

(8) *Lawnmower and garden equipment sales.*

(9) *Light industrial.*

(10) *Manufactured home* single-wide; allowed only as a replacement for any legal existing *mobile home* or single-wide home; and to provide temporary shelter, provided the provisions of § 18:1-53 of this Chapter 18:1 have been met.

(11) *Migrant labor camp.*

(12) *Miniwarehouse (with or without exterior storage).*

(13) *Minor extraction and dredge disposal uses.*

- (14) *Noncommercial forestry.*
- (15) *Nonprofit and for-profit institutional.*
- (16) *Nurseries.*
- (17) *Parking.*
- (18) *Public service.*
- (19) **SHOOTING RANGE, INDOOR; SHALL BE LOCATED A MINIMUM OF 100 FEET FROM ANY RESIDENTIAL USE**
- ~~(19)~~(20) *Shopping centers.*
- ~~(20)~~(21) *Theaters and auditoriums.*
- ~~(21)~~(22) *Trade schools with only indoor activities.*

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§ 18:1-34. Airport Protection and Kent Island Gateway District. [Amended 8-24-2010 by Ord. No. 10-10]

A. Purpose.

- (1) The Airport Protection and Kent Island Gateway District is intended to prevent the creation or establishment of airport hazards.
- (2) This district will also create a sense of entry to Kent Island and Queen Anne's County while providing for business, commercial and certain mixed-use opportunities in the airport environs that will not be detrimental to the efficiency and safety of the airport.
Structure designs in this district should reflect traditional Eastern Shore character. [Amended 9-12-2023 by Ord. No. 23-05]

B. Permitted uses. [Amended 12-12-2017 by Ord. No. 17-07; 9-12-2023 by Ord. No. 23-05]

	Use	Permitted Use (P)/ Conditional Use (C)
1.	<i>Airport/airport-related uses</i>	P
2.	<i>Banquet facility</i>	P
3.	Boat building	P
4.	Boat sales and repair	P
5.	Bowling alley	P
6.	<i>Commercial apartments finally approved by July 1, 2023</i>	P
7.	<i>Conference center</i>	P
8.	<i>Duplex with accessory slip</i>	P
9.	<i>Marina</i>	P

10.	<i>Maritime convenience store</i>	P
11.	<i>Offices</i>	P
12.	<i>Outdoor recreation</i>	P
13.	Passive recreation	P
14.	<i>Residential accessory structures</i>	P
15.	<i>Retail sales/service establishment</i>	P
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§ 18:1-35. Suburban Industrial Business Employment (SIBE) District.

A. Purpose. The Suburban Industrial Business/Employment (SIBE) District is to provide for the *development* of moderate-intensity *office*, regional commercial, *warehouse*, and *light industrial uses* to generate employment and business opportunities creating a major employment center in the *County*. *New development* within the SIBE District should provide for quality design and architecture.

B. Permitted *uses*.

- (1) Business and professional *office* complexes.
- (2) *Group day-care center*.
- (3) Light industry *uses* including:
 - (a) Blacksmith shops;
 - (b) Boat building;
 - (c) Bulk materials or machinery storage (fully enclosed);
 - (d) Business cluster facilities (an incubator facility offering space and support services for early stage companies engaged in the development of products or services with commercial potential);
 - (e) Contractors' *offices* and equipment storage yards;
 - (f) Dry-cleaning and laundry plants serving more than one outlet;
 - (g) Food processing and packing plants;
 - (h) Fuel oil (storage and sales);
 - (i) Furniture refinishing shops;
 - (j) Incidental retail stores, not to exceed 25,000 square feet of gross *floor area*, associated with building and plumbing supply distribution operations;

- (k) Manufacturing/warehousing (including the production, processing, cleaning, testing and distribution of materials, goods, foodstuffs and products) in plants with fewer than 500 employees on a single shift;
 - (l) Materials sales;
 - (m) *Cannabis licensed processor*. This use shall not be located within 1,000 feet of any school, day care, *lot lines* of property containing a place of worship or municipal use. If proposed in the critical area, the classification of the property shall be Intensely Developed Area (IDA). [Added 4-11-2017 by Ord. No. 17-06;⁴ amended 3-12-2024 by Ord. No. 24-04]
 - (n) Ornamental iron workshops;
 - (o) Printing plants;
 - (p) Scientific (e.g., research, testing or experimental) laboratories;
 - (q) Showrooms;
 - (r) Trade shops (including cabinet, carpentry, planing, plumbing, refinishing and paneling);
 - (s) *Truck terminals*; and
 - (t) Wholesale business and storage.
- (4) Limited low *commercial uses* and service with the primary purpose of supporting the existing business/employees in the SIBE District. The proposed *uses* are to be of a size and scale to not draw people into the park but support existing businesses including:
- (a) Banks;
 - (b) Barbershop/hair dresser;
 - (c) *Coffee shop*;
 - (d) Dry cleaner (outlet);
 - (e) Fitness center;
 - (f) Medical *office*;
 - (g) Non-fast-food *restaurants* such as cafeterias or deli;
 - (h) Retail sales that do not exceed 25,000 square feet of gross *floor area*;
 - (i) *Nonprofit and for-profit institutional*;
 - (j) *Public serviceuses*;
 - (k) Satellite *parking*; and
 - (l) Trade schools with only indoor activities.
- (5) **SHOOTING RANGE, INDOOR; SHALL BE LOCATED A MINIMUM OF 100 FEET FROM ANY RESIDENTIAL USE**