

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 16-21

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Farm Breweries in Queen Anne's County;

FOR THE PURPOSE of adding Farm Breweries as a permitted Agricultural Use in Queen Anne's County; providing a definition of "Farm Breweries"; and generally dealing with and permitting Farm Breweries in Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

BY AMENDING 18 App Appendix A: Glossary 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 the definition of "AGRICULTURE" in Chapter 18 App Appendix A: Glossary be AMENDED to read as follows:

AGRICULTURE

All methods of production or management of livestock, poultry, crops, vegetation and soil, other than commercial logging and timber harvesting operations; and includes but is not limited to:

A. Tillage, plowing, seeding, fertilization, pest control, harvesting, maintenance of best management practices, and marketing;

B. Feeding, housing, grazing, raising and maintaining animals such as cattle, dairy cows, sheep, hogs, poultry and equine and the handling of their by-products;

C. Orchards, nurseries, vineyards, cheese making, winery, and U-pick operations, and Farm Breweries; and

D. Silviculture, sod production, and aquaculture.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the following definition be ADDED to Chapter 18 App Appendix A: Glossary to read as follows:

FARM BREWERY

A part of a producing farm operation that brews beer from ingredients grown and produced on the farm. Incidental operations include fermenting, distilling, blending, aging, storing, administrative activities, warehousing, bottling, and shipping facilities. Retail sales and tasting facilities for beer and related promotional items shall be permitted as part of the use. Planned promotional events or other organized activities as permitted under Article 2B, §2-209 as amended of the Annotated Code of Maryland are included in this definition.

SECTION III

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

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Anderson

DATE: January 10, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: February 28, 2017 @ 7:05 pm

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: March 21, 2017

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 2017