

NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF BILL 16-6
WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Take Notice that Bill 16-6 (Zoning - Non-Agricultural Events at Wineries in the A-1 and A-2 Agricultural Districts) was passed by the County Commissioners on February 21, 2017.

A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

§ ZS 1-201(c)(10)(a). (Adds this new subparagraph to modify the special exception for wineries as part of a producing vineyard in the A-1 Agricultural District to permit as an accessory use the commercial hosting of non-agricultural functions and events including, but not limited to, wedding receptions, family reunions, birthday and anniversary celebrations, and other similar events; to permit an additional accessory building not exceeding three thousand square feet in area for such events; requires compliance with all building, fire, health, zoning, and environmental code requirements which apply to such structures that are not located on a farm; establishes minimum lot requirements for such uses including a minimum lot area of ten acres, lot width of at least two hundred feet, and front, side and rear yard setbacks of at least one hundred feet; and subject to the provisions of Section ZS 1-322 (Landscaping, buffering and screening requirements) and ZS 1-325 (Site plan review).)

§ ZS 1-202(c)(10)(a). (Adds this new subparagraph to modify the special exception for wineries as part of a producing vineyard in the A-2 Agricultural District to permit as an accessory use the commercial hosting of non-agricultural functions and events including, but not limited to, wedding receptions, family reunions, birthday and anniversary celebrations, and other similar events; to permit an additional accessory building not exceeding three thousand square feet in area for such events; requires compliance with all building, fire, health, zoning, and environmental code requirements which apply to such structures that are not located on a farm; establishes minimum lot requirements for such uses including a minimum lot area of ten acres, lot width of at least two hundred feet, and front, side and rear yard setbacks of at least one hundred feet; and subject to the provisions of Section ZS 1-322 (Landscaping, buffering and screening requirements) and ZS 1-325 (Site plan review).)

This bill becomes effective forty-five (45) days from the date of its passage.

This is only a fair summary of the bill. A full copy of the bill is posted on the Legislative Bulletin Board in the main hall of the Worcester County Government Center outside Room 1103, is available for public inspection in Room 1103 of the Worcester County Government Center and is available on the County Website at <http://www.co.worcester.md.us/commissioners/legsltn.aspx> .

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