

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL 24-03

BY: Commissioners Abbott, Bertino, Bunting, Elder, Fiori, and Purnell
INTRODUCED: May 7, 2024

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT Concerning

Zoning – Farm-based Slaughterhouses in the A-1 Agricultural District

For the purpose of amending the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to allow as a special exception use a structure for the slaughtering and processing of livestock raised or maintained on the farm.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsection § ZS 1-201(c)(34) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be renumbered as § ZS 1-201(c)(35) and a new subsection § ZS 1-201(c)(34) be enacted to read as follows:

- (34) On a farm as defined herein, the use of a structure for the slaughtering and processing of livestock raised or maintained on the farm, excluding rendering plants or facilities, not to exceed six hundred square feet in gross floor area. Minimum lot requirements shall be: lot area, one hundred and forty acres; lot width, two hundred feet; front yard setback, two hundred feet; each side yard setback, two hundred feet; and rear yard setback, two hundred feet. Furthermore, all structures shall be located no less than four hundred feet from any residential structure on an adjacent property or public road, and no variance to this requirement is permitted notwithstanding the provisions of § ZS 1-116(c)(4). THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL BUFFERS OR SETBACKS TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM HAZARD.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this Bill shall take effect forty-five (45) days from the date of its passage.