

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF BILL 21-4
WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Take Notice that Bill 21-4 (Zoning – Commercial kennel) was introduced by Commissioners Bertino, Bunting, Church, Elder, Mitrecic, Nordstrom and Purnell on April 20, 2021.

A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

§ ZS 1-103(b). (Adds the definition for “breeder” in the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to describe the ownership of six or more intact female dogs and establishes a maximum limit on the sale of puppies or kittens of three litters per calendar year.)

§ ZS 1-103(b). (Adds the definition for “cat” in the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to describe the common house cat.)

§ ZS 1-103(b). (Adds the definition for “dog” in the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to describe the domestic dog, and to include a cross-breed with a wolf.)

§ ZS 1-103(b). (Adds the definition for “kennel, commercial” in the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to describe an establishment that boards, breeds, treats, sells, rents, trains or exhibits more than five dogs or cats, other than a licensed veterinary hospital or office; establishes an exception for the ownership of no more than eight dogs or cats for personal use or companionship, hunting, exhibition, field working, or obedience trials, and establishes a maximum limit on the sale of puppies or kittens from two litters per calendar year.)

§ ZS 1-103(b). (Adds the definition for “litter” in the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to describe the single birth of multiple animals to one female animal.)

§ ZS 1-201(c)(31). (Repeals and reenacts this special exception use for a kennel in order to replace it with the newly defined commercial kennel in the A-1 Agricultural District.)

§ ZS 1-202(c)(15). (Repeals and reenacts this special exception use for a kennel in order to replace it with the newly defined commercial kennel in the A-2 Agricultural District.)

§ ZS 1-209(c)(4). (Repeals and reenacts this special exception use for a kennel in order to replace it with the newly defined commercial kennel in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District.)

§ ZS 1-339(a)(11). (Repeals and reenacts the section of the home occupation regulations containing the list of uses that are prohibited by replacing the kennel use with the newly defined commercial kennel.)

A Public Hearing

will be held on Bill 21-4 at the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Room 1101 – Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, Maryland on **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 10:45 a.m.**

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 once County Government Offices are opened to the public. In the interim, a full copy of the bill is available on the County Website at www.co.worcester.md.us.

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