

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2017 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-16-2017

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Franklin

Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Lehman, Harrison, Turner,

Co-Sponsors Davis, Taveras and Patterson

Date of Introduction March 28, 2017

ZONING BILL

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 Zoning -- Definitions -- Agriculture

3 For the purpose of amending the definition of Agriculture in the Zoning Ordinance to include the
4 production of mulch.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 Section 27-107.01,

7 The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland,

8 being also

9 **SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.**

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2015 Edition; 2016 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
13 Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional
14 District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 27-107.01 of the Zoning Ordinance
15 of Prince George's County, Maryland, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County
16 Code, be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

17 **SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.**

18 **PART 2. GENERAL**

19 **DIVISION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

20 **Sec. 27-107.01. Definitions.**

(a) Terms in the Zoning Ordinance are defined as follows:

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(9) **Agriculture:** The business, science and art of cultivating and managing the soil, composting (to include the composting of regionally generated sewer sludge pursuant to a permit issued by the state), growing, harvesting, and selling crops, livestock and the products of forestry (including the production of mulch), horticulture, floriculture, viticulture, hydroponics, animal husbandry, i.e., breeding, raising, or managing livestock, including horses, poultry, fish, game, and fur-bearing animals, dairying, beekeeping and similar activities. Agriculture includes processing on the farm of an agricultural product in the course of preparing the product for market, which may cause a change in the natural form or state of the product. Agriculture includes equine activities and equine facilities. Equine activities includes teaching equestrian skills, participating in equestrian events, competitions, exhibitions or other displays of equestrian skills, and caring for, breeding, boarding, dealing, selling, renting, riding or training equines. Equine facilities include barns, stables, rings, paddocks or accessory buildings or structures used for equine activities. The term “Agriculture” shall not include the commercial feeding of garbage or offal to animals, the slaughtering of livestock for marketing (except otherwise permitted by law) or the disposal of sludge except for fertilization of crops, horticultural products, or floricultural products in connection with an active agricultural operation or home gardening.

1 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect forty-five
2 (45) calendar days after its adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND,
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR
THAT PORTION OF THE MARYLAND
WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT IN
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.