

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

Bill No. CB-22-2021

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Turner

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

**ZONING BILL**

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 Private Retreat Center – R-A Zone

3 For the purpose of amending the Zoning Ordinance to provide a definition for a new use,  
4 “Private Retreat Center” and permitting the use in the R-A (Residential-Agricultural) Zones of  
5 Prince George’s County, under certain circumstances.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 Sections 27-107.01 and 27-441,  
8 The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland,  
9 being also  
10 SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.  
11 The Prince George's County Code  
12 (2019 Edition; 2020 Supplement).

13 BY adding:

14 Section 27-445.20,  
15 The Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland,  
16 being also  
17 SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.  
18 The Prince George's County Code  
19 (2019 Edition; 2020 Supplement).

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1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
2 Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional  
3 District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 27-107.01 and 27-441 of the Zoning  
4 Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's  
5 County Code, be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following  
6 amendments:

7 **SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.**

8 **PART 2. GENERAL.**

9 **Sec. 27-107.01. Definitions.**

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

11 \* \* \* \* \*

12 (184.2.02) Private Retreat Center: A facility owned and operated by a private, non-  
13 profit organization with permanent structures for meeting, lodging, dining, and recreation located  
14 in a natural setting. The primary purpose of private retreat centers is hosting religious,  
15 educational or charitable programs and events in a predominantly natural environment.

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**SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.**  
**PART 5. RESIDENTIAL ZONES.**  
**DIVISION 3. USES PERMITTED.**

**Sec. 27-441. Uses permitted.**

(b) TABLE OF USES.

USE	ZONE								
	R-O-S	O-S	R-A	R-E	R-R	R-80	R-55	R-35	R-20
<b>(3) Institutional/Educational:</b>									
* * * * *	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Private Retreat Center, subject to conformance with</u>	X	X	<u>P</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<u>Section 27-445.20 of this Subtitle.</u>									
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1 SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
2 Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional  
3 District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 27-445.20 of the Zoning Ordinance of  
4 Prince George's County, Maryland, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code,  
5 be and the same is hereby added:

6 SUBTITLE 27. ZONING.

7 PART 5. RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

8 DIVISION 5. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC USES.

9 **Sec. 27-445.20. Private Retreat Center.**

10 (a) Private Retreat Center uses a permitted (P) in the Residential Table of Uses in the R-A  
11 Zone, subject to the following requirements:

12 (1) General Requirements.

13 (A) The use is located on property with a land area greater than thirty (30) acres;

14 (B) The use is located in the Rural and Agricultural Area as identified in the  
15 Growth Policy Map of the County's General Plan, as may be amended from time to time.

16 (C) The use shall be owned and operated by a private, non-profit organization;

17 and

18 (D) There shall be no permanent residents of the property on which the use is  
19 located, except in a caretaker and/or staff residence.

20 (2) Site Plan.

21 (A) A Detailed Site Plan shall be approved for the use, in accordance with Part 3,  
22 Division 9, of this Subtitle, to insure compliance with the provisions of this Section.

23 (B) In addition to the requirements of Part 3, Division 9, the applicant shall  
24 comply with the Prince George's County Landscape Manual;

25 (3) Accessory Uses.

26 In addition to compatible accessory uses permitted pursuant to Sec. 27-441, a limited number of  
27 cottages/hermitages, not to exceed five (5) units, shall be permitted as guest lodging accessory to  
28 the Private Retreat Center use.

1 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect forty-five  
2 (45) calendar days after its adoption.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL  
DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY,  
MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
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.

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