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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Berliner
Co-Sponsor: Councilmembers Rice, Hucker, Katz, and Elrich, Council Vice President Navarro,
and Council President Riemer

SUBJECT: Resolution to request a biennial report by the Office of Agriculture on the status of Farm Alcohol Production in Montgomery County

Background

1. The Council approved ZTA 18-03 – Farm Alcohol Production Standards on October 2, 2018.
2. ZTA 18-03 would incorporate many types of standards that were applicable to wineries and apply standards to breweries, cideries, and distilleries. In addition to the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, ZTA 18-03 would allow tasting rooms, harvest festivals, and a variety of ordinary and customary events and accessory events on a limited basis.
3. The Council created the Office of Agriculture in July 2016.
4. The Office of Agriculture exists to promote agriculture as a viable component of the County's economic sector, as well as to preserve farmland as a resource for future agricultural production.
5. The Council wants to monitor the impacts of Farm Alcohol Production activities in agricultural and rural areas of the County.

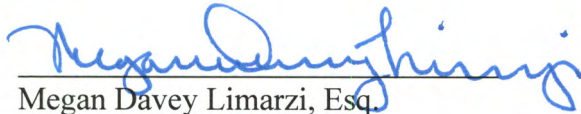
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The Office of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Permitting Services, is asked to provide a biennial status report, beginning in 2020. The report should include an update on numbers of breweries, wineries, cideries, and distilleries in rural and

agricultural areas, community feedback, community impacts, usage of locally-produced agricultural ingredients, the state of the local cultivation market, and economic impacts.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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