

Zoning Text Amendment No.: 20-04
Concerning: Farming Defined –
 Accessory Mulching and
 Composting
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**COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsors: Councilmembers Glass, Friedson, Navarro, and Rice
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Riemer, Albornoz, and Jawando, Council President Katz, and
 Councilmember Hucker

AN AMENDMENT to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance to:

- Allow mulching and composting with more off-site material as an accessory farming use; and
- Generally amend the definition of Farming

By amending the following sections of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 59 of the Montgomery County Code:

Division 3.2. “Agricultural Uses”
Section 3.2.6. “Farming”

EXPLANATION: ***Boldface** indicates a Heading or a defined term.
Underlining indicates text that is added to existing law by the original text amendment.
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* * * indicates existing law unaffected by the text amendment.*

ORDINANCE

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following ordinance:

1 **Sec. 1. Division 3.2. Agricultural Uses**

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3 **Section 3.2.6. Farming**

4 Defined

5 Farming means the practice of agriculture on a property, and any associated
6 buildings. Agriculture means the business, science, and art of cultivating and
7 managing the soil; composting, growing, harvesting, and selling crops, and the
8 products of forestry, horticulture, and hydroponics; breeding, raising, managing, or
9 selling livestock, including horses, poultry, fish, game, and fur-bearing animals;
10 dairying, beekeeping, and similar activities; and equestrian events and activities.
11 Agriculture includes processing on the farm of an agricultural product to prepare
12 the product for market and may cause a change in the natural form or state of the
13 product. Farming includes the following accessory uses:

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15 E. The production and manufacturing of mulch or compost where [up to
16 20%] a maximum of 50% of the materials used in accessory
17 processing can come from off-site sources.

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19 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon
20 the Council’s adoption.

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22 This is a correct copy of Council action.

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26 Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
27 Clerk of the Council