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.  
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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:
Sec. 1. Division 3.2. Agricultural Uses

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Section 3.2.6. Farming

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

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

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

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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