

Ordinance No.:
Zoning Text Amendment No.: 22-09
Concerning: Accessory Structures –
Use Standards
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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 Sponsor: Councilmember Riemer
Co-Sponsor: Councilmember Hucker

AN AMENDMENT to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance to:

- create use standards for pool enclosures; and
- generally amend the provisions for accessory structures.

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

Division 3.7.	“Miscellaneous Uses”
Section 3.7.4.	“Accessory Miscellaneous Uses”
Division 4.2.	“Agricultural Zone”
Section 4.2.1.	“Agricultural Reserve Zone (AR)”
Division 4.3.	“Rural Residential Zones”
Section 4.3.3.	“Rural Zone (R)”
Section 4.3.4.	“Rural Cluster Zone (RC)”
Section 4.3.5.	“Rural Neighborhood Cluster Zone (RNC)”
Division 4.4.	“Residential Zones”
Section 4.4.4.	“Residential Estate – 2 Zone (RE-2)”
Section 4.4.5.	“Residential Estate – 2C Zone (RE-2C)”
Section 4.4.6.	“Residential Estate – 1 Zone (RE-1)”
Section 4.4.7.	“Residential – 200 Zone (R-200)”
Section 4.4.8.	“Residential – 90 Zone (R-90)”
Section 4.4.9.	“Residential – 60 Zone (R-60)”

Section 4.4.10. “Residential – 40 Zone (R-40)”

EXPLANATION: **Boldface** indicates a Heading or a defined term.
Underlining indicates text that is added to existing law by the original text amendment.
[Single boldface brackets] indicate text that is deleted from existing law by original text amendment.
Double underlining indicates text that is added to the text amendment by amendment.
[[Double boldface brackets]] indicate text that is deleted from the text amendment by amendment.
* * * 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 59-3.7 is amended as follows:

Division 3.7. Miscellaneous Uses

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Section 3.7.4. Accessory Miscellaneous Uses

A. Accessory Structure

1. Defined

Accessory Structure means a structure subordinate to and located on the same lot as a principal building, the use of which is incidental to the use of the principal building or to the use of the land. An Accessory Structure is not attached by any part of a common wall or common roof to the principal building.

2. Use Standards

Where an Accessory Structure is allowed as a limited use, it must satisfy the following standards:

- a. In Agricultural and Rural Residential zones, where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.
- b. In Residential Detached zones, where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater. This Subsection does not apply to Section 3.3.3.C, Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.

27 c. Where the construction of a pool enclosure would cause the
28 cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings, including the
29 pool enclosure, to exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal
30 building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater, the pool
31 enclosure may be allowed, provided:

- 32 1. the pool enclosure, not including the rafters, is
- 33 translucent or transparent;
- 34 2. the pool enclosure has a height of 7 feet or less;
- 35 3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings
- 36 on the property is less than 50% of the footprint of the
- 37 principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is
- 38 greater; and
- 39 4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all
- 40 other accessory buildings on the property does not
- 41 exceed 1,200 square feet.

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43 **Sec. 2. Division 59-4.2 is amended as follows:**

44 **Division 4.2. Agricultural Zone**

45 **Section 4.2.1. Agricultural Reserve Zone (AR)**

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47 F. AR Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

	<p>Detached House or a Building for a Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone</p>
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3. Placement
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Specification for Principal Building and Accessory Structure Setbacks
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<p>c. Where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.</p> <p>d. <u>Where the construction of a pool enclosure would cause the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings, including the pool enclosure, to exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater, the pool enclosure may be allowed, provided:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1. the pool enclosure, not including the rafters, is translucent or transparent;</u> <u>2. the pool enclosure has a height of 7 feet or less;</u> <u>3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property is less than 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater; and</u> <u>4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all other accessory buildings on the property does not exceed 1,200 square feet.</u>

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49 **Sec. 3. Division 59-4.3 is amended as follows:**

50 **Division 4.3. Rural Residential Zones**

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52 **Section 4.3.3. Rural Zone (R)**

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54 B. R Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

	<p>Detached House or a Building for a Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone</p>
* * *	
2. Placement	
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Specifications for Accessory Structure Setbacks	
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<p>d. Where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.</p> <p>e. <u>Where the construction of a pool enclosure would cause the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings, including the pool enclosure, to exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater, the pool enclosure may be allowed, provided:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1. the pool enclosure, not including the rafters, is translucent or transparent;</u> <u>2. the pool enclosure has a height of 7 feet or less;</u> <u>3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property is less than 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater; and</u> <u>4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all other accessory buildings on the property does not exceed 1,200 square feet.</u> 	

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56 **Section 4.3.4. Rural Cluster Zone (RC)**

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58 B. RC Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

1. Lot and Density	Detached House or a Building for a Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone
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2. Placement	
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Specifications for Principal Building and Accessory Structure Setbacks (min)	
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<p>e. Where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.</p> <p>f. <u>Where the construction of a pool enclosure would cause the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings, including the pool enclosure, to exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater, the pool enclosure may be allowed, provided:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1. the pool enclosure, not including the rafters, is translucent or transparent;</u> <u>2. the pool enclosure has a height of 7 feet or less;</u> <u>3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property is less than 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater; and</u> <u>4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all other accessory buildings on the property does not exceed 1,200 square feet.</u> 	

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60 **Section 4.3.5. Rural Neighborhood Cluster Zone (RNC)**

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62 C. RNC Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

1. Site	Detached House or a Building for a Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone	
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3. Placement		
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Specifications for Principal Building and Accessory Structure Setbacks		
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<p>d. Where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.</p> <p>e. <u>Where the construction of a pool enclosure would cause the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings, including the pool enclosure, to exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater, the pool enclosure may be allowed, provided:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1. the pool enclosure, not including the rafters, is translucent or transparent;</u> <u>2. the pool enclosure has a height of 7 feet or less;</u> <u>3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property is less than 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater; and</u> 		* * *

<p><u>4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all other accessory buildings on the property does not exceed 1,200 square feet.</u></p>	
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64 **Sec. 4. Division 59-4.4 is amended as follows:**

65 **Division 4.4. Residential Zones**

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67 **Section 4.4.4. Residential Estate – 2 Zone (RE-2)**

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69 B. RE-2 Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

1. Lot and Density	Detached House or a Building for a Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone
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2. Placement	
* * *	
Specifications for Accessory Structure Setbacks	
* * *	
<p>d. Where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater. This Subsection does not apply to Section 3.3.3.C, Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.</p> <p><u>e. Where the construction of a pool enclosure would cause the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings, including the pool enclosure, to exceed 50% of the</u></p>	

footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater, the pool enclosure may be allowed, provided:

1. the pool enclosure, not including the rafters, is translucent or transparent;
2. the pool enclosure has a height of 7 feet or less;
3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property is less than 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater; and
4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all other accessory buildings on the property does not exceed 1,200 square feet.

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71 **Section 4.4.5. Residential Estate – 2C Zone (RE-2C)**

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73 B. RE-2C Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

1. Lot and Density	Detached House or a Building for a Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone
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2. Placement	
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Specifications for Accessory Structure Setbacks	
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<p>d. Where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater. This Subsection does not apply to Section 3.3.3.C, Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit. Buildings</p>	

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1. the pool enclosure, not including the rafters, is translucent or transparent;
2. the pool enclosure has a height of 7 feet or less;
3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property is less than 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater; and
4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all other accessory buildings on the property does not exceed 1,200 square feet.

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75 **Section 4.4.6. Residential Estate – 1 Zone (RE-1)**

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77 B. RE-1 Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

1. Lot and Density	Detached House or a Building for a Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone
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2. Placement	
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Specifications for Accessory Structure Setbacks	
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d. Where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative	

footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater. This Subsection does not apply to Section 3.3.3.C, Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.

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3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property is less than 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater; and
4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all other accessory buildings on the property does not exceed 1,200 square feet.

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79 **Section 4.4.7. Residential – 200 Zone (R-200)**

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81 B. R-200 Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

1. Lot and Density	Detached House or a Building for a Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone
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2. Placement	
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Specification for Accessory Structure Setbacks

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b. Where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater. This Subsection does not apply to Section 3.3.3.C, Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.

c. Where the construction of a pool enclosure would cause the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings, including the pool enclosure, to exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater, the pool enclosure may be allowed, provided:

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3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property is less than 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater; and
4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all other accessory buildings on the property does not exceed 1,200 square feet.

[c]d. Any accessory building or structure used for the housing, shelter, or sale of animals or fowl other than a household pet must be a minimum of 25' from a lot line and a minimum of 100' from a dwelling on another lot.

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83 **Section 4.4.8. Residential – 90 Zone (R-90)**

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85 B. R-90 Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

1. Lot and Density	Detached House or a Building for a
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	<p>Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone</p>
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2. Placement	
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Specifications for Accessory Structure Setbacks	
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<p>d. Where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater. This Subsection does not apply to Section 3.3.3.C, Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.</p> <p>e. <u>Where the construction of a pool enclosure would cause the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings, including the pool enclosure, to exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater, the pool enclosure may be allowed, provided:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1. the pool enclosure, not including the rafters, is translucent or transparent;</u> <u>2. the pool enclosure has a height of 7 feet or less;</u> <u>3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property is less than 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater; and</u> <u>4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all other accessory buildings on the property does not exceed 1,200 square feet.</u> <p>[e]f. Any accessory building or structure used for the housing, shelter, or sale of animals or fowl other than a household pet must be a minimum of 25' from a lot</p>	

line and a minimum of 100' from a dwelling on another lot.

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87 **Section 4.4.9. Residential – 60 Zone (R-60)**

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89 B. R-60 Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

1. Lot and Density	Detached House or a Building for a Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone
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2. Placement	
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Specifications for Accessory Structure Setbacks	
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<p>d. Where the principal building on a lot is a detached house, the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings on that lot may not exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater. This Subsection does not apply to Section 3.3.3.C, Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit. Buildings for an agricultural use are exempt from this size restriction.</p> <p><u>e. Where the construction of a pool enclosure would cause the cumulative footprint of all accessory buildings, including the pool enclosure, to exceed 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater, the pool enclosure may be allowed, provided:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1. the pool enclosure, not including the rafters, is translucent or transparent;</u> <u>2. the pool enclosure has a height of 7 feet or less;</u> <u>3. the cumulative footprint of all other accessory buildings on the property is</u> 	

less than 50% of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater; and
4. the cumulative footprint of the pool enclosure and all other accessory buildings on the property does not exceed 1,200 square feet.
[e]f. Any accessory building or structure used for the housing, shelter, or sale of animals or fowl other than a household pet must be a minimum of 25' from a lot line and a minimum of 100' from a dwelling on another lot.

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91 **Section 4.4.10. Residential – 40 Zone (R-40)**

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93 B. R-40 Zone, Standard Method Development Standards

1. Site	Detached House or a Building for a Cultural Institution, Religious Assembly, Public Use, or a Conditional Use allowed in the zone	
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3. Placement		
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Specifications for Accessory Structure Setbacks		* * *
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95 **Sec. 5. Effective date.** This ordinance becomes effective 20 days after the
96 date of Council adoption.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council