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County Executive

MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2018

TO:

Hans Riemer, President

Montgomery County Council

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Amendment to ZTA 18-04, Exemptions Agricultural Zone- Zoning

Text Amendment

I have been made aware that there are some concerns about the current language in the above captioned zoning text amendment that I proposed on March 1, 2018. In an effort to address those concerns, I asked Executive Staff to work with the County Attorney, Council Staff, and the Community to understand and work through those concerns.

As a result of those collaborations, I am now proposing language as an amendment to the existing language in ZTA 18-04. Please accept the following amendment to be substituted for the earlier language:

Replacement for ZTA 18-04

Section 7.7.2. Nonconforming Use

A lawful nonconforming use may be continued under the following limits:

A. Expansion

A lawful nonconforming use of a structure or lot must not be expanded <u>unless</u>, in the Agricultural Reserve Zone, a Federal or State health or safety law or regulation requires the expansion. Before expanding the use or structures, the

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property owner must provide to the Director of the Department of Permitting Services a certification from the applicable Federal or State entity that the expansion or enlargement is necessary.

As has always been my intention, this amendment is an attempt to assure that protections for the agricultural reserve continue, and as little impact as possible occurs to the existing protected area.

Executive Staff is available to offer any further information that the Council may need in order to give full consideration to this recommended amendment.

cc: Councilmember Craig Rice Councilmember Sidney Katz Casey Anderson, Chair of the Planning Board