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### County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 6

**BILL NO. 28 - 2017 (ZRA - 174)**

**Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty**

**AN ACT** amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to define Cottage Food Business and allow Cottage Food Business as a Home Occupation; and generally relating to Cottage Food Businesses.

Introduced and read first time April 3, 2017. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on April 19, 2017.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on May 1, 2017 and Passed , Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2017 at 1 a.m./p.m.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive May 5, 2017

Allan H. Kittleman  
Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 *Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard*  
2 *County Zoning Regulations are hereby amended as follows:*

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4 *By Amending*

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6 *Section 103.0: "Definitions"*

7 *Letter C.*

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9 *Section 128.0: "Supplementary Zoning District Regulations"*

10 *Subsection C. "Home Businesses"*

11 *Number 1. "Home Occupations"*

12 *Letter h.*

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## **Howard County Zoning Regulations**

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### **SECTION 103.0: DEFINITIONS**

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COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESS: A BUSINESS THAT PRODUCES OR PACKAGES NON-  
HAZARDOUS FOOD PRODUCTS AS DEFINED IN THE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS  
(COMAR) IN A RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN AND OFFERS THESE PRODUCTS FOR SALE ONLY  
AT A FARMERS' MARKET OR PUBLIC EVENT.

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### **SECTION 128.0: SUPPLEMENTARY ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

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#### **C. Home Businesses**

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##### **1. Home Occupations**

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h. Home occupations may include the uses listed below. All repair and  
refinishing items must be picked up from and delivered to customers.

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(1) Art or hand craft studios involving the small scale production of non-  
edible commodities for off-site sales.

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(2) COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESSES.

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1 **Section 2. Be it further enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that  
2 *items (2) through (10) of the Section 128.0.C.1.h of the County Zoning Regulations are hereby*  
3 *renumbered to be items (3) through (11), respectively.*

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5 **Section 3. Be it further enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that  
6 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

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BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on

May 5, 2017.

  
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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

**CB 28-2017 (ZRA 174)- IN SUPPORT OF.**

Keith Ohlinger  
2790 Florence Road  
Woodbine, MD 21797

Dear Howard County Council:

I am writing in support of CB 28-2017 (ZRA 174). This bill has many benefits to our community. It allows a small business to start in the home by reducing barriers to entry. This helps families with a stay at home parent to work from home and grow a business in addition to allowing the children to share, learn, and grow by attending the farmers markets and learning the business at a young age. By supporting the local food production industry we strengthen not only our local economy but also our resilience in times of trouble or lack.

This increase in local food production will also allow another potential revenue stream to be available for our local farmers. Our farmers can then retool to provide the needed ingredients to these local processors. This reduces the amount of travel products need from farm to processing which reduces fuel consumption, pollution, and increases freshness of the product. As the success of these businesses grows they can then move into larger spaces, hire employees, and further increase the economic base of the county.

CB 28-2017 (ZRA 174) is a win-win-win for all involved and will be a great benefit for our community. Please support CB 28-2017 (ZRA 174) and thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Keith Ohlinger  
Heritage Hill Farm