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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2009 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 1

BILL NO. 6 – 2009 (ZRA – 107)

**Introduced by: The Chair
at the request of Robert and Maxine Walker**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' Limited Outdoor Social Assemblies conditional use to alter the road access requirement for Limited Outdoor Social Assemblies; and generally relating to the Limited Outdoor Social Assemblies conditional use.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2009. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Having been posted & notice of time & place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2009 and concluded on _____, 2009.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill was read the third time _____, 2009 and Passed ___, Passed with amendments ___, Failed ___.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this _____ day of _____, 2009 at _____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Approved/vetoed by the County Executive on _____, 2009.

Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law.
~~Strikeout~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Section 1. *Be it enacted* by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that Number 32
“Limited Outdoor Social Assemblies”, of Subsection N “Conditional Uses and Permissible
Zoning Districts”, of Section 131 “Conditional Uses” of the Howard County Zoning
Regulations is hereby amended to read as follows:

Howard County Zoning Regulations

SECTION 131: Conditional Uses

N. Conditional Uses and Permissible Zoning Districts

32. Limited Outdoor Social Assemblies

A conditional use may be granted for limited outdoor social assemblies in the RC District,
provided that:

- a. The lot is the site of a historic structure as defined in these regulations.
- b. The minimum lot size is 5 acres or greater.
- c. [[The lot has direct access to and frontage on a collector or arterial road designated in the
general plan.]] IF THE DRIVEWAY PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED SITE IS SHARED WITH
OTHER PROPERTIES OR HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO AND FRONTAGE ON A LOCAL ROAD, THE
PETITIONER SHALL DEMONSTRATE THAT THE USE WILL NOT RESULT IN DAMAGE TO OR
DETERIORATION OF THE SHARED DRIVEWAY OR IN INCREASED HAZARDS TO OTHER USERS OF THE
DRIVEWAY OR LOCAL ROAD.
- d. The limited outdoor social assemblies are the following private functions: Picnics,
weddings, anniversary/retirement parties, bridal or baby showers, not for profit
organization fund raisers, banquets, rehearsal dinners, philanthropic events, or other
similar events.
- e. No permanent structures, including catering or restaurant facilities shall be constructed on
site.
- f. The outdoor assembly area is located and designed to shield residential property from
noise or nuisance and screened from adjacent residential properties.

1 g. Limited social assembly events shall have the following limitations:

2 (1) Maximum capacity is not to exceed 150 attendees;

3 (2) No more than 25 of these events shall be held within a one year period.

4 (3) Operation hours shall be restricted to between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Monday
5 thru Thursday; between 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday; and
6 between 12:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., Sunday.

7 h. All event activities occur outdoors.

8 i. Special events with catered food or food prepared on-site are subject to review by the
9 food protection program of the Howard County Department of Health and may require a
10 special events permit. The conditional use may not commence until the applicant has
11 obtained approval of all necessary permits for its operation. Tents, spot-a-pots or other
12 temporary uses associated with the event shall be removed from the site within 3 days
13 after the event.

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15 ***Section 2. And be it further enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that
16 *the provisions of this act shall become effective 61 days after enactment.*