

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2016-01

BILL NO. 2016-01

**Title of Bill:** Amendment - Zoning Code - Saw Mills

**Synopsis:** An Act to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Part XII Industrial Uses, Section 144 - Sawmills to eliminate the three year limitation on Special Exception for Sawmills.

**Introduced by:** Council President at the request of the County Executive

**Introduced and order posted on:** January 5, 2016

**Public hearing scheduled on:** February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Consideration scheduled on:** February 16, 2016

By: James Massey  
Council Manager

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by January 5, 2016 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on January 20, 2016 and January 27, 2016, a public hearing was held on February 2, 2016 and concluded on February 2, 2016.

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Council Manager

**Explanation:** CAPITALS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.  
~~Strike through~~ indicate language deleted from existing ordinance.  
Underlining indicates language added to ordinance by amendment.  
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language stricken out of an Ordinance by amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, Article 25A of the Annotated Code of Maryland empowers the County to have a zoning  
2 ordinance and provides for the administration, enforcement and amendment of same; and,

3           **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners  
4 of Cecil County on April 27, 2011; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Zoning Ordinance regulates the intensity of land use and establishes reasonable  
6 standards to which structures and of development or the permitted uses within specified zones; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the current Zoning Ordinance permits sawmills as a Special Exception in the NAR and  
8 SAR zones for a period of three years only, subject to renewal; and

9           **WHEREAS**, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance has been proposed and recommended for  
10 approval by the Planning Commission on December 21, 2015.

11           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED** by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland, that  
12 the proposed amendments to Article V, Part XII Industrial Uses, Section 144 - Sawmills of the Zoning  
13 Ordinance are hereby adopted as follows:

14 **Section 144. Sawmills (12.05.000)**

- 15 1. No saw or other machinery shall be less than 300 feet from any lot or street line.  
16 2. All power saws and machinery shall be secured against tampering or locked when not in use.  
17 ~~3. Such use shall be for a period of three years only, subject to renewal.~~  
18 4- 3. If this use is to be located in the Resource Conservation Area (RCA) of the Cecil County Chesapeake  
19 Bay Critical Area, the applicant must apply for, and receive, Growth Allocation as described in Article XI,  
20 Part I of this Ordinance prior to any approvals.

21           **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland, that this Act shall  
22 take effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

  
BY Council Manager

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is hereby submitted to the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

James Massey  
Council Manager

Date: February 16, 2016

**ENROLLED**

[Signature]  
Council President

Date: February 16, 2016

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed – LSD 2016-04

Failed of Passage – LSD \_\_\_\_\_

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Council Manager

**SEALED WITH THE COUNTY SEAL AND PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE** for approval this

17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 20 16 at 1:00 pm am/pm.  
(within 10 business days from adoption §306)

BY: James Massey  
Council Manager

**BY THE EXECUTIVE:**

Jari Mome  
Cecil County Executive

APPROVED Date: 2/18/16

VETOED Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(within 10 business days from presentation §306)



**BY THE COUNCIL**

This **Bill No. 2016-01** having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council becomes law

on February 18, 2016 with an effective date of April 18, 2016

BY: James Massey  
Council Manager