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Executive action \_\_\_\_\_  
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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2010 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 13

### **BILL NO. 55 – 2010 (ZRA – 117)**

Introduced by:  
Greg Fox, Councilmember  
Mary Kay Sigaty, Councilmember

**AN ACT** amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Supplemental Zoning District Regulations in order to change the setbacks located on residential lots, under certain conditions; to permit apiaries as an accessory use; and generally relating to apiaries.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2010. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen M. LeGendre, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 and concluded on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill was read the third time \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 and Passed \_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

Approved/vetoed by the County Executive on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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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.

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

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4 *By amending subsection 4(a) of:*  
5 *Section 128 “Supplemental Zoning District Regulations”*  
6 *Subsection A “Supplementary Bulk Regulations”*

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8 *By adding a new subsection M to:*  
9 *Section 128 “Supplemental Zoning District Regulations”*

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12 **Howard County Zoning Regulations**

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14 **SECTION 128: Supplemental Zoning District Regulations**

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16 **A. Supplementary Bulk Regulations**

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18 **4. Required Setback for Certain Farm Uses**

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20 In all districts where farming is a permitted use, the following shall not be allowed within 200  
21 feet of an existing dwelling on a different lot:

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23 a. An animal shelter including a building, shed, roofed structure or movable shelter  
24 that houses or provides protection for animals other than household pets, EXCEPT FOR  
25 APIARIES WHICH MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION M; or

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27 b. The storage of manure.  
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1 **M. APIARIES.**

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- 3 1. APIARIES ARE PERMITTED AS AN ACCESSORY USE ON LOTS CONTAINING COMMUNITY
- 4 GARDENS, SITES WHERE APIARIES WILL FORM PART OF AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM,
- 5 AND IN THE SIDE AND REAR YARDS OF ALL SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS; AND
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- 7 2. AN APIARY THAT IS A PERMITTED ACCESSORY USE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL
- 8 MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:
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10 A. THE MINIMUM SIDE AND REAR SETBACKS ARE 25 FEET FROM THE LOT LINE,

11 EXCEPT THAT THE MINIMUM SETBACKS ARE 10 FEET IF THE APIARY IS LOCATED

12 AS TO DIRECT THE ENTRANCES AWAY FROM NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES AND

13 LOCATED:

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15 1) AT LEAST 6 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND; OR

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17 2) BEHIND A SOLID FENCE, HEDGE, OR OTHER BARRIER THAT IS AT

18 LEAST 6 FEET IN HEIGHT AND RUNS PARALLEL TO THE PROPERTY

19 LINE, AND EXTENDS 10 FEET BEYOND THE APIARY IN EACH

20 DIRECTION.

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22 B. A WATER SUPPLY SHALL BE PROVIDED TO MINIMIZE HONEYBEES FROM SEEKING

23 WATER OFF-SITE; AND

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25 C. APIARIES SHALL COMPLY WITH MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

26 REGULATIONS AS THEY PERTAIN TO BEEKEEPING, AND BE OPERATED AND

27 MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

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30 *Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this*

31 *act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*