

# Harford County, Maryland

# ZONING CODE



Chapter 267 of the Harford County Code, as amended

Effective December 22, 2008  
Amended thru April 20, 2010

*DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING*

Harford County, Maryland

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, Chapter 131

and

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, Chapter 268

of the Harford County Code, As Amended

are included at the end of the Development  
Regulations.

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AMENDMENT INFORMATION:**

<b><u>Bill Number</u></b>	<b><u>effective date</u></b>
09-01	4/6/09
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09-31AA	1/22/10
09-33AA	1/22/10
10-03	4/20/10

## ARTICLE IX. Special Exceptions

### § 267-86. Purpose.

Special exceptions may be permitted when determined to be compatible with the uses permitted as of right in the appropriate district by this Part 1. Special exceptions are subject to the regulations of this Article and other applicable provisions of this Part 1.

### § 267-87. General Regulations.

- A. Special exceptions require the approval of the Board in accordance with §267-9 (Board of Appeals). The Board may impose such conditions, limitations and restrictions as necessary to preserve harmony with adjacent uses, the purposes of this Part 1 and the public health, safety and welfare.
- B. A special exception grant or approval shall be limited to the Site Plan approved by the Board. Any substantial modification to the approved Site Plan shall require further Board approval.
- C. Extension of any use or activity permitted as a special exception shall require further Board approval.
- D. The Board may require a bond, irrevocable letter of credit or other appropriate guaranty as may be deemed necessary to assure satisfactory performance with regard to all or some of the conditions.
- E. In the event that the development or use is not commenced within 3 years from date of final decision, after all appeals have been exhausted, the approval for the special exception shall be void. In the event of delays, unforeseen at the time of application and approval, the Director of Planning shall have the authority to extend the approval for an additional 12 months or any portion thereof.

### § 267-88. Specific Standards. [Amended by Bill 09-31 As Amended; and Bill 10-03]

The special exceptions enumerated herein, in addition to other conditions as may be imposed by the Board, shall comply with the following requirements:

- A. Amusements.
  - (1) Arenas and stadiums. These uses may be granted in the B3, CI, LI and GI districts, provided that:
    - (a) Separate vehicular entrances and exits shall be provided at least 400 feet away from any road intersection.
    - (b) No buildings or structures, including rides or other apparatus, shall be located less than 50 feet from any parcel boundary or less than 200 feet from any adjacent residential lot.
    - (c) No automobile parking space shall be located within any required setback area or within 50 feet of any adjacent residential lot.

- (d) A minimum parcel area of 75 acres is established.
- (e) A type "E" buffer, pursuant to §267-30 (Buffer Yards), shall be provided adjacent to any residential lot line.
- (2) Country clubs, golf clubs, tennis and swim clubs. These uses may be granted in the AG, RR, R1, R2, R3, R4 and GI districts, provided that:
  - (a) No off-street parking or loading area shall be located within any required yard or within 25 feet of any parcel boundary.
  - (b) Off-street parking and loading areas, swimming pools and tennis courts shall be buffered from adjacent residential lots.
  - (c) The principal access shall be provided from an arterial or collector road.
  - (d) No more than 20% of the land area upon which such a use is conducted may be located in the GI district.
  - (e) Any outside lighting used to illuminate a use permitted under this section shall be designed, installed and maintained in a manner not to cause a glare or reflection on adjacent residential lots.
- (3) Fairgrounds, racetracks and theme parks. These uses may be granted in the AG, CI, LI and GI districts, provided that:
  - (a) A minimum parcel area of 75 acres is established.
  - (b) The principal access shall be provided from an arterial or collector road.
  - (c) Separate vehicular entrances and exits shall be provided at least 400 feet away from any road intersection.
  - (d) No buildings or structures, including rides or other apparatus, shall be located less than 50 feet from any parcel boundary or less than 200 feet from any adjacent residential lot.
  - (e) No automobile parking space shall be located within any required setback area or within 50 feet of any adjacent residential lot.
  - (f) A type "E" buffer, pursuant to §267-30 (Buffer Yards), shall be provided adjacent to any residential lot line.
- (4) Marinas and boat launching, storage and repair. These uses may be granted in the AG, RR, R1, R2, R3, R4, B1, B2 and LI districts, provided that:
  - (a) In the urban residential districts, such facilities shall be a part of a Conventional with Open Space (OCS) development or a Planned Residential Development (PRD).

with residential dwellings within the neighborhood in which the mobile home is to be located.

- (b) The exterior finish of the unit shall be of a color, material and scale which are harmonious with the existing residential dwellings within the neighborhood in which the mobile home is to be located. In no case shall the degree of reflectivity of exterior finishes exceed that of semi-gloss white paint. Siding, trim and features shall be compatible with other materials used in construction of the mobile home unit.
- (c) The mobile home unit shall be placed on a permanent foundation in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. Installation shall include a positive surface water drainage away from each unit.
- (d) All wheels, axels, transporting lights and removable towing apparatus shall be removed from each unit prior to occupancy.
- (e) The lot size and yard requirements applicable to single-family detached dwellings in the respective zoning district shall apply to mobile homes.
- (f) In the VR and VB districts, mobile homes shall have a minimum width of 24 feet and a minimum length of 48 feet.

G. Retail trade.

- (1) Agricultural retail. This use may be granted in the RO district, provided that the parcel has sufficient road frontage to ensure ingress and egress. Any permanent structure shall meet setback for retail uses.
- (2) Antique shops, art galleries and museums. These uses may be granted in the AG district, provided that a minimum parcel area of 2 acres is required and the proposed use is located in an historic structure.
- (3) Auction sales, agricultural related products. These uses may be granted in the AG, VB and B3 districts, provided that:
  - (a) A minimum parcel area of 3 acres shall be established.
  - (b) No facility for overnight shelter of animals shall be within 200 feet of any adjacent residential lot.

H. Services.

- (1) Construction services and suppliers. These uses may be granted in the AG and VB districts, provided that:
  - (a) A minimum parcel area of 5 acres in the AG district and .5 acres in the VB district is required.
  - (b) If the use includes the storage of commercial vehicles and equipment, the vehicles and equipment must be stored entirely within an enclosed building or fully buffered from view of adjacent residential lots and public roads.

- (c) All parking and storage areas must be paved.
- (d) A type "C" buffer, pursuant to §267-30 (Buffer Yards), shall be provided along any adjacent road rights-of-way or adjacent residential lots.

(2) Lawn and landscaping services. This use may be granted in the AG and VB districts, provided that:

- (a) A minimum parcel area of 2 acres in the AG district and .5 acres in the VB district is required.
- (b) All parking areas must be paved.
- (c) A type "C" buffer yard, pursuant to §267-30 (Buffer Yards), shall be provided along any adjacent road rights-of-way or adjacent residential lots.
- (d) All commercial vehicles, equipment and supplies must be stored within an enclosed building.

(3) Small engine repair. This use may be granted in the AG district, provided that:

- (a) A minimum parcel area of 2 acres is required.
- (b) All equipment must be stored within an enclosed building or fully buffered from view of adjacent residential lots and public roads.

(4) Funeral homes and mortuaries. These uses may be granted in the AG district, provided that:

- (a) The proposed use shall be located in a building which is residential in character.
- (b) A type "B" buffer, pursuant to §267-30 (Buffer Yards), shall be provided between the parking area and any residential lot or public road.
- (c) Access for such use shall be from an arterial or collector road.
- (d) A minimum parcel area of 3 acres is established.

(5) Kennels. These uses may be granted in the AG district, provided that:

- (a) A minimum parcel area of 5 acres must be provided.
- (b) All buildings for the shelter of animals and all runways shall be located at least 200 feet from any lot line.

(6) Pet grooming. This use may be granted in the AG district, provided that:

- (a) The activity takes place inside a completely enclosed building.