

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2023-21**

**BILL NO. 2023-11**

**Title of Bill:** Amendment – Zoning Ordinance – Cannabis – Definitions, Permissible Uses, Home Occupation, Prohibited Signs, and General Loading Specifications

**Synopsis:** An Act to amend the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance, Article II, Part I, Section 12, Definitions in order to add and define Cannabis Terms; Amend Article IV, Section 54, Permissible Uses Tables in order to amend by insertion; Amend Article V, Part III, Section 79, Home Occupations in order strike number 5 due to inaccurate numbering and insert number six (6); in order to Insert Article V, Part XII, Section 164A, 164B, 164C, & 164D, Cannabis Section 164A Cannabis Grower, Section 164B Cannabis Processor & Cannabis Independent Testing Laboratory, Section 164C Dispensary, & 164D Cannabis On-Site Consumption Establishment; Amend Article XIII, Section 263, Prohibited Signs in order to add number thirteen (13); Amend Article XIV, Section 276, General Loading Specifications in order to add to Use, Loading Space, and Off Street Parking Requirements.

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

**Introduced and order posted on:** November 21, 2023

**Public Hearing Scheduled on:** December 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm

**Consideration scheduled on:** January 2, 2024

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by November 21, 2023 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on December 6, 2023 and December 13, 2023, a public hearing was held on December 19, 2023 and concluded on December 19, 2023.

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.  
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.  
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.  
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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1           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Division 1, Title 4, Subtitle 1, Section  
2 4-101(a)(1), Land Use Article it is the policy of the State that orderly development and use of land and  
3 structure requires comprehensive regulation through the implementation of planning and zoning  
4 controls; and

5           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 4-102, Land Use Article, a  
6 legislative body may regulate to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community;  
7 and

8           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland Section 4-103, Land Use Article, a  
9 legislative body may impose any additional conditions or limitations that the legislative body considers  
10 appropriate to improve or protect the general character and design of the land and improvements  
11 being zoned or rezoned; and

12           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 4-202, Land Use Article, the  
13 legislative body shall adopt zoning regulations in accordance with the plan, with reasonable  
14 consideration for the character of the district or zone and its uses and with a view to conserve the  
15 value of property and encourage the orderly development of the most appropriate use of land; and

16           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 4-203(a), Land Use Article, a  
17 legislative body shall provide for the manner in which its zoning regulations and the boundaries of the  
18 districts and zones shall be established, enforced and amended; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the 2023 Maryland General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 516 (Enrolled Chapters  
20 254/255) which enacted comprehensive Cannabis Reform legislation including, but is not limited to,  
21 delineating the regulated actions that political subdivisions of the states may take regarding cannabis  
22 business; and

23           **WHEREAS** Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis §36-401 establishes a standard  
24 and micro license types for cannabis growers, processors, dispensaries, incubator spaces, and on-site  
25 consumption; and

26           **WHEREAS**, Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis §36-405 establishes that a  
27 political subdivision may establishes reasonable zoning requirements for cannabis businesses; and

28           **WHEREAS**, Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis §36-407 establishes that on-site  
29 consumption operations may be prohibited by a County; and

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30           **WHEREAS**, Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis §36-410 establishes minimum  
31 location criteria for dispensaries throughout the state; and

32           **WHEREAS** pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 4-203(b)(1), Land Use Article, a  
33 legislative body shall hold at least one public hearing on a proposed zoning regulation or boundary at  
34 which parties of interest and citizens have an opportunity to be heard; and

35           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 4-203(b)(2), Land Use Article, the  
36 legislative body shall publish notice of the time and place of the public hearing, together with a  
37 summary of the proposed zoning regulations or boundary, in at least one newspaper of general  
38 circulation in the local jurisdiction once each week for 2 successive weeks; and

39           **WHEREAS**, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance has been proposed to amend Article II, Part  
40 I, Section 12 by adding the definitions to Cannabis terms; Dispensary, Cannabis Grower, Cannabis  
41 Independent Testing Laboratory, Cannabis On-Site Consumption Establishment; and Cannabis  
42 Processor; and

43           **WHEREAS**, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance has been proposed to amend Article IV,  
44 Section 54, Permissible Uses Table, in order to insert 12.17.000, Cannabis Grower, 12.17.100, Cannabis  
45 Processor, 12.17.200, Cannabis Independent Testing Laboratory, 12.17.300, Dispensary 12.17.400,  
46 Cannabis On-Site Consumption Establishment; and

47           **WHEREAS**, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance has been proposed to amend Article V, Part  
48 III, Section 79, Home Occupations, in order to correct the numbering due to number five (5) being  
49 missed in the zoning ordinance and insert number six (6); and

50           **WHEREAS**, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance has been proposed to Insert Article V, Part  
51 XII, Sections 164A, 164B, 164C, & 164D, Cannabis in order to insert supplementary use requirements  
52 for Cannabis Grower, Cannabis Processor, Cannabis Independent Testing Laboratory, Dispensary, and  
53 Cannabis On-Site Consumption Establishment; and

54           **WHEREAS**, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance has been proposed to Amend Article XIII,  
55 Section 263, Prohibited Signs to insert number thirteen (13); and

56           **WHEREAS**, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance has been proposed to Amend Article XIV,  
57 Section 276, Accessibility and Parking Requirements, General Loading Specifications; and

58           **WHEREAS**, to prepare the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance for implementation of Maryland's  
59 Cannabis Reform; and

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60 WHEREAS, the Cecil County Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments on  
61 November 20, 2023.

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,  
63 MARYLAND, that the proposed amendments to Article II, Part I, Section 12, Definitions of the Cecil  
64 County Zoning Ordinance is hereby adopted as follows:

65 **Section 12. Definitions**

66 **DISPENSARY – A DISPENSARY IS:**

- 67 1. ANY ENTITY LICENSED UNDER THE MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION THAT ACQUIRES,  
68 POSSESSES, REPACKAGES, TRANSPORTS, SELLS, DISTRIBUTES, OR DISPENSES CANNABIS OR  
69 CANNABIS PRODUCTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TINCTURES, AEROSOLS, OILS, AND  
70 OINTMENTS, RELATED SUPPLIES, AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE USE BY  
71 QUALIFYING PATIENTS, CAREGIVERS, OR CONSUMERS THROUGH A STOREFRONT OR  
72 DELIVERY SERVICE BASED ON LICENSED TYPE; OR
- 73 2. ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT ACQUIRES, POSSESSES, REPACKAGES, TRANSPORTS, SELLS,  
74 DISTRIBUTES OR DISPENSES ANY HEMP-DERIVED PRODUCT, OR ANY OTHER PRODUCT THAT  
75 IS CREATED BY A CHEMICAL REACTION THAT CHANGES THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF ANY  
76 CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE DERIVED FROM CANNABIS SATIVA, INTENDED FOR HUMAN  
77 CONSUMPTION.

78 **CANNABIS GROWER – AN ENTITY LICENSED UNDER MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION THAT**  
79 **CULTIVATES, OR PACKAGES CANNABIS AND IS AUTHORIZED BY THE MARYLAND CANNABIS**  
80 **ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE CANNABIS TO OTHER CANNABIS LICENSEES AND REGISTERED**  
81 **INDEPENDENT LABORATORIES.**

82 **CANNABIS INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORY – A FACILITY, AN ENTITY, OR A SITE REGISTERED**  
83 **WITH THE MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION TO PERFORM TESTS RELATED TO THE**  
84 **INSPECTION AND TESTING OF CANNABIS AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING CANNABIS.**

85 **CANNABIS ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT – AN ENTITY LICENSED UNDER §36-401(C)(4) OF**  
86 **THE MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION TO DISTRIBUTE CANNABIS PRODUCTS FOR ON-SITE**  
87 **CONSUMPTION OTHER THAN CONSUMPTION BY SMOKING INDOORS.**

88 **CANNABIS PROCESSOR – AN ENTITY LICENSED UNDER MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION**  
89 **THAT TRANSFORMS CANNABIS INTO ANOTHER PRODUCT OR AN EXTRACT AND PACKAGES AND**

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90 LABELS THE CANNABIS PRODUCT AND IS AUTHORIZED BY THE MARYLAND CANNABIS  
91 ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE CANNABIS TO LICENSED DISPENSARIES AND REGISTER INDEPENDENT  
92 TESTING LABORATORIES.

93 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that  
94 the proposed amendments to Article IV, Section 54, Permissible Uses Table of the Cecil County Zoning  
95 Ordinance is hereby adopted as follows:

96 **Section 54. Permissible Uses Table**

97 **As shown in attachment 1.**

98 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that  
99 the proposed amendments to Amend Article V, Part III, Section 79, Home Occupations (3.05.000) of the  
100 Cecil County Zoning Ordinance is hereby adopted as follows:

101 **Section 79. Home Occupation (3.05.000)**

102 Home occupations may be permitted in the RMU zone and permitted as a Special Exception in the NAR,  
103 SAR, RR, LDR, ST, VR, UR, RM and MEA zones provided that:

- 104 1. Home occupations are conducted on the same property as the residence and do not change the  
105 residential character of the property.
- 106 2. No type of advertisement for the home occupations shall be carried out on the property, except  
107 one (1) unlighted sign identifying the home occupation, limited to three (3) square feet in size.
- 108 3. No goods for sale or rent shall be stored on the property in a manner as to be seen from off the  
109 premises.
- 110 4. Parking is provided in accordance with Article XIV.
- 111 ~~5.6.~~ No equipment or process shall be used which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odor, or  
112 electrical interference detectable from adjoining properties.

113 **6. ANY PROPOSED USE REGULATED BY THE MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION OR IS A**  
114 **DISPENSARY SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A HOME OCCUPATION AND IS SUBJECT TO THE DESIGNED**  
115 **REGULATIONS FOR THE SPECIFIC USE DELINEATED IN THIS ORDINANCE.**

116 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that  
117 the proposed amendments to Insert Article V, Part XII, Sections 164A, 164B, 164C, & 164D –  
118 Cannabis of the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance is hereby adopted as follows:

119 **SECTION 164A CANNABIS GROWER (12.17.000)**

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- 120 **1. A CANNABIS GROWER FACILITY MAY BE PERMITTED AND EXEMPT IN NAR AND SAR ZONES PROVIDED**  
121 **THE FACILITY WAS PROPERLY LICENSED AND OPERATING PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2023.**
- 122 **2. A CANNABIS GROWER FACILITY MAY BE PERMITTED AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE BI, M1, & M2**  
123 **ZONES PROVIDED:**
- 124 **a. THE MINIMUM SITE AREA SHALL BE TEN (10) ACRES.**
  - 125 **b. STRUCTURES ERECTED OR TO BE USED SHALL BE AT LEAST 100 FEET FROM ANY PROPERTY**  
126 **LINE.**
  - 127 **c. THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF STRUCTURES IS LIMITED TO 300,000 SQUARE FEET.**
  - 128 **d. USES SHALL BE CONFINED TO A STRUCTURE.**
  - 129 **e. A MAJOR SITE PLAN MUST BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND**  
130 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.**
  - 131 **f. A CANNABIS GROWING FACILITY MAY NOT BE LOCATED WITHIN A 1-MILE RADIUS OF**  
132 **ANOTHER CANNABIS GROWING FACILITY.**
  - 133 **g. ACCESS FROM AN ARTERIAL OR COLLECTOR ROAD IS PROHIBITED. ACCESS MUST BE FROM AN**  
134 **INTERNAL ROAD SERVICING THE BI, M1 & M2 SITE.**
  - 135 **h. OFF-STREET PARKING SHALL BE 100 FEET FROM ANY PROPERTY LINE.**
  - 136 **i. A BUFFERYARD MEETING THE BUFFERYARD E STANDARD SHALL BE REQUIRED:**
    - 137 **i. FROM ALL ROADS.**
    - 138 **ii. FROM CONTIGUOUS RESIDENTIAL USES OR ZONING DISTRICTS.**
  - 139 **j. A FACILITY THAT IS LICENSED AS BOTH A MEDICAL CANNABIS GROWER AND A MEDICAL**  
140 **CANNABIS PROCESSOR MAY BE CO-LOCATED IN THE SAME STRUCTURE.**
  - 141 **k. SIGNAGE**
    - 142 **i. ONLY ONE ON-SITE SIGN LIMITED TO DISPLAYING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**  
143 **NAME OF BUSINESS; LOGOGRAM OF BUSINESS; AND BUSINESS' ADDRESS, HOURS OF**  
144 **OPERATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION. OTHER THAN THE FOREGOING**  
145 **INFORMATION, NO ADVERTISING FOR CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS SHALL BE**  
146 **DISPLAYED ON ANY SIGN IN A PUBLICLY VISIBLE LOCATION. THE ALLOWABLE TOTAL**  
147 **SIGN AREA OF THIS SIGN SHALL NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM SIZE OF 100 SQUARE FEET.**
    - 148 **ii. THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF THE SIGN SHALL BE EIGHT (8) FEET AS MEASURED FROM**  
149 **WHERE THE SIGN MEETS THE GROUND.**
    - 150 **iii. ANY SIGN REQUIRED BY LAW OR REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED BY A GOVERNMENT**  
151 **AGENCY OR UTILITY COMPANY, IS ALLOWED.**

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152           iv. ANY SIGN OR SIGNS IDENTIFYING THAT THE PREMISES ARE PROTECTED BY A SECURITY  
153           COMPANY IS ALLOWED, AND THE AGGREGATE AREA OF SUCH SIGNS IS LIMITED TO 3  
154           SQUARE FEET.

155           v. ANY SIGN, INCLUDING TEMPORARY SIGNAGE, SHALL BE IN CONFORMANCE OF THESE  
156           PROVISIONS AND ARTICLE XIII BY THE 90TH DAY THESE PROVISIONS ARE EFFECTIVE.

157           I. A COPY OF THE LICENSE ISSUED BY THE MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE  
158           SUBMITTED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT.

159 **SECTION 164B CANNABIS PROCESSOR (12.17.100) & CANNABIS INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORY**  
160 **(12.17.200)**

- 161           1. A CANNABIS PROCESSOR FACILITY MAY BE PERMITTED AND EXEMPT IN NAR AND SAR ZONES  
162           PROVIDED THE FACILITY WAS PROPERLY LICENSED AND OPERATING PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2023.  
163           2. A CANNABIS PROCESSOR FACILITY MAY BE PERMITTED AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE BI, M1, & M2  
164           ZONES PROVIDED:

- 165           a. THE MINIMUM SITE AREA SHALL BE FIVE (5) ACRES.  
166           b. STRUCTURES ERECTED OR TO BE USED SHALL BE AT LEAST 100 FEET FROM ANY PROPERTY  
167           LINE.  
168           c. THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF STRUCTURES IS LIMITED TO 50,000 SQUARE FEET.  
169           d. USES SHALL BE CONFINED TO A STRUCTURE.  
170           e. A MAJOR SITE PLAN MUST BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND  
171           DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.  
172           f. FACILITIES SHALL BE LOCATED AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED (2,500) FEET FROM  
173           ANOTHER CANNABIS PROCESSING FACILITY.  
174           g. ACCESS FROM AN ARTERIAL OR COLLECTOR ROAD IS PROHIBITED. ACCESS MUST BE FROM AN  
175           INTERNAL ROAD SERVICING THE BI, M1 & M2 SITE.  
176           h. OFF-STREET PARKING SHALL BE 100 FEET FROM ANY PROPERTY LINE.  
177           i. A BUFFERYARD MEETING THE BUFFERYARD E STANDARD SHALL BE REQUIRED:  
178                 i. FROM ALL ROADS.  
179                 ii. FROM CONTIGUOUS RESIDENTIAL USES OR ZONING DISTRICTS.  
180           j. SIGNAGE  
181                 i. ONLY ONE ON-SITE SIGN LIMITED TO DISPLAYING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:  
182                 NAME OF BUSINESS; LOGOGRAM OF BUSINESS; AND BUSINESS' ADDRESS, HOURS OF  
183                 OPERATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION. OTHER THAN THE FOREGOING  
184                 INFORMATION, NO ADVERTISING FOR CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS SHALL BE

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- 185                   **DISPLAYED ON ANY SIGN IN A PUBLICLY VISIBLE LOCATION. THE ALLOWABLE TOTAL**  
186                   **SIGN AREA OF THIS SIGN SHALL NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM SIZE OF 64 SQUARE FEET.**  
187                   **ii. THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF THE SIGN SHALL BE EIGHT (8) FEET AS MEASURED FROM**  
188                   **WHERE THE SIGN MEETS THE GROUND.**  
189                   **iii. ANY SIGN REQUIRED BY LAW OR REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED BY A GOVERNMENT**  
190                   **AGENCY OR UTILITY COMPANY, IS ALLOWED.**  
191                   **iv. ANY SIGN OR SIGNS IDENTIFYING THAT THE PREMISES ARE PROTECTED BY A SECURITY**  
192                   **COMPANY IS ALLOWED, AND THE AGGREGATE AREA OF SUCH SIGNS IS LIMITED TO 3**  
193                   **SQUARE FEET.**  
194                   **v. ANY SIGN, INCLUDING TEMPORARY SIGNAGE, SHALL BE IN CONFORMANCE OF THESE**  
195                   **PROVISIONS AND ARTICLE XIII BY THE 90TH DAY THESE PROVISIONS ARE EFFECTIVE.**  
196                   **k. A COPY OF THE LICENSE ISSUED BY THE MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE**  
197                   **SUBMITTED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT.**

198 **SECTION 164C DISPENSARY (12.17.300)**

199 **A DISPENSARY MAY BE PERMITTED AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE EMU, BG, OR BI, ZONES PROVIDED:**

- 200                   **1. DISPENSARIES SHALL BE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS. EACH**  
201                   **DISTRICT SHALL HAVE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF DISPENSARIES PRIOR TO THE ALLOWANCE OF AN**  
202                   **ADDITIONAL NUMBER DISPENSARIES FOR EACH COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT.**  
203                   **2. THE MINIMUM SITE AREA SHALL BE ONE (1) ACRE.**  
204                   **3. THERE SHALL BE ONLY ONE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON SITE AND THE DISPENSARY SHALL BE THE ONLY**  
205                   **USE WITHIN THE STRUCTURE. THE USE OF THE PROPERTY FOR MULTIPLE TENANTS OR USES IS**  
206                   **PROHIBITED.**  
207                   **4. STRUCTURES ERECTED OR TO BE USED SHALL BE AT LEAST 75 FEET FROM ANY PROPERTY LINE.**  
208                   **5. THE STRUCTURE IS LIMITED TO 10,000 SQUARE FEET.**  
209                   **6. DISPENSARY USE SHALL BE CONFINED TO A STRUCTURE.**  
210                   **7. SALES OF ACCESSORY ITEMS THAT ARE NOT REGULATED BY THE MARYLAND CANNABIS**  
211                   **ADMINISTRATION ARE PROHIBITED. SUCH ITEMS MAY INCLUDE APPAREL, PARAPHERNALIA,**  
212                   **SOUVENIRS, OR SIMILAR ITEMS.**  
213                   **8. AREAS OF WASTE STORAGE SHALL NOT BE GREATER THAN 200 SQUARE FEET IN A SELF-ENCLOSED**  
214                   **AREA THAT SHALL BE SECURED FROM TAMPERING AND LOCKED WHEN NOT IN USE.**  
215                   **9. SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FOR THIS USE MAY NOT EXCEED THREE YEARS, SUBJECT TO RENEWAL.**  
216                   **10. A MAJOR SITE PLAN MUST BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT**  
217                   **SERVICES.**



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- 11. FACILITIES SHALL BE LOCATED:**
  - a. AT LEAST ONE-THOUSAND FEET (1,000) FEET FROM A DWELLING, PLAYGROUND, RECREATION CENTER, LIBRARY, PUBLIC PARK, PRE-EXISTING PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE, OR LICENSED DAY CARE CENTER OR REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME UNDER TITLE 9.5 OF MD. EDUCATION CODE ANN.**
  - b. AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET (1,500) FROM ANOTHER CANNABIS DISPENSARY**
  - c. THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH A. DO NOT APPLY TO A DISPENSARY THAT WAS PROPERLY ZONED AND OPERATING PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH MD. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS CODE ANN. §36-410 (D).**
- 12. ACCESS SHALL BE FROM AN ARTERIAL ROAD OR INTERNAL ROAD SERVICING THE EMU, BG, OR BI SITE.**
- 13. A BUFFERYARD MEETING THE BUFFERYARD D STANDARD SHALL BE REQUIRED:**
  - a. FROM ALL ROADS.**
  - b. FROM CONTIGUOUS RESIDENTIAL USES OR ZONING DISTRICTS.**
- 14. SIGNAGE**
  - a. ONLY ONE ON-SITE SIGN LIMITED TO DISPLAYING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: NAME OF BUSINESS; LOGOGRAM OF BUSINESS; AND BUSINESS' ADDRESS, HOURS OF OPERATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION. OTHER THAN THE FOREGOING INFORMATION, NO ADVERTISING FOR CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS SHALL BE DISPLAYED ON ANY SIGN IN A PUBLICLY VISIBLE LOCATION. THE ALLOWABLE TOTAL SIGN AREA OF THIS SIGN SHALL NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM SIZE OF 40 SQUARE FEET.**
  - b. THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF THE SIGN SHALL BE EIGHT (8) FEET AS MEASURED FROM WHERE THE SIGN MEETS THE GROUND.**
  - c. ANY SIGN REQUIRED BY LAW OR REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR UTILITY COMPANY, IS ALLOWED.**
  - d. ANY SIGN OR SIGNS IDENTIFYING THAT THE PREMISES ARE PROTECTED BY A SECURITY COMPANY IS ALLOWED, AND THE AGGREGATE AREA OF SUCH SIGNS IS LIMITED TO 3 SQUARE FEET.**
  - e. ANY SIGN, INCLUDING TEMPORARY SIGNAGE, SHALL BE IN CONFORMANCE OF THESE PROVISIONS AND ARTICLE XIII BY THE 90TH DAY THESE PROVISIONS ARE EFFECTIVE.**
- 15. PARKING SHALL BE AT LEAST 50 FEET FROM ANY PROPERTY LINE.**
- 16. A COPY OF THE LICENSE ISSUED BY THE MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT.**

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251 **SECTION 164D CANNABIS ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT (12.17.400)**

252 **A CANNABIS ON-SITE CONSUMPTION FACILITY IS PROHIBITED IN CECIL COUNTY. {SEE MD. ALCOHOLIC**  
253 **BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS CODE ANN. §36-407 (B)(1)}**

254 **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that  
255 the proposed amendments to Amend Article XIII, Section 263, Prohibited Signs of the Cecil County  
256 Zoning Ordinance is hereby adopted as follows:

257 **SECTION 263. PROHIBITED SIGNS**

258 **13. ANY DISCERNIBLE ADVERTISING FOR CANNABIS, CANNABIS PRODUCTS, OR CANNABIS APPURTENANCES IN**  
259 **A PUBLICLY VISIBLE LOCATION.**

260 **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that  
261 the proposed amendments to Amend Article XIV, Section 276, General Loading Specifications of the  
262 Cecil County Zoning Ordinance is hereby adopted as follows:

263 **As shown in attachment 2.**

264 **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that  
265 this Act shall take effect in 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 a copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

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BY: Council Manager