

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 4

Bill No. 13-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, February 21, 2023

Introduced and first read on February 21, 2023
Public Hearing set for and held on March 20, 2023
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on April 3, 2023
Public Hearing on SECOND AMENDED bill set for and held on April 17, 2023
Public Hearing on THIRD AMENDED bill set for and held on May 1, 2023
Bill Expires May 27, 2023

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting
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3 FOR the purpose of establishing a uniform permitting process for special events; defining
4 certain terms; exempting certain events from the requirement for a special event permit;
5 requiring certain persons to obtain a permit to hold special events; requiring the permit
6 application to contain certain information; establishing the basis for granting or denying
7 the permit application; establishing fees and fee waivers for special event permit
8 applications; requiring reimbursement of costs incurred by the County and allowing for
9 the waiver of such reimbursement; requiring certain inspections be performed;
10 allowing for the termination of permits in certain circumstances; providing for a delay
11 in the application and collection of certain fees; and generally relating to licenses and
12 registrations.

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14 BY repealing: § 11-11-101
15 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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17 BY adding: §§ 11-11-101 through 11-11-108, to be under the amended title “Title 11.
18 Special Events”
19 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.
Underlining indicates matter added to bill by amendment.
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter removed from bill by amendment.

1 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
2 That § 11-11-101 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) is hereby
3 repealed.

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5 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County
6 Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

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8 **ARTICLE 11. LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS**

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10 **TITLE 11. ~~[[PARADES]]~~ SPECIAL EVENTS**

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12 **11-11-101. Definitions.**

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14 IN THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

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16 (1) "AGRITOURISM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 18-1-101.

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18 ~~(4)~~ (2) "ATHLETIC EVENT" MEANS ANY ORGANIZED EVENT INVOLVING ATHLETICS,
19 SPORTS, GAMES, OR SIMILAR TYPES OF ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES INCLUDING, WITHOUT
20 LIMITATION, A BICYCLE RACE, BICYCLE OR MOTORCYCLE GROUP RIDES, FOOT RACES,
21 TRIATHLONS, OR GROUP WALKS.

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23 ~~(2)~~ (3) "CONCERT" MEANS A GATHERING OF PEOPLE TO VIEW A LIVE
24 PERFORMANCE.

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26 (4) A "FARM OR AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE SITE SPECIAL EVENT" HAS THE
27 MEANING STATED IN § 18-1-101.

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29 ~~(3)~~ (5) "MULTIPLE-DAY EVENT" MEANS AN EVENT THAT OCCURS ON MULTIPLE,
30 CONSECUTIVE OR NON-CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

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32 ~~(4)~~ (6) "NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION" MEANS A CORPORATION, FOUNDATION, OR
33 OTHER LEGAL ENTITY, THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OR (D) OF THE
34 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

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36 ~~(5)~~ (7) "OWNER" MEANS ANY PERSON IN WHOM IS VESTED THE OWNERSHIP,
37 DOMINION, CONTROL OF, OR TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY, WHETHER BY DEED, LEASE,
38 SUBLEASE, OR BY ANY FORM OF RIGHT OR AGREEMENT.

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40 ~~(6)~~ (8) "PARADE" MEANS ANY MARCH, PROCESSION, OR OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITY
41 CONSISTING OF PERSONS, ANIMALS, VEHICLES, OR THINGS, OR ANY COMBINATION
42 THEREOF, UPON ANY PUBLIC STREET.

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44 ~~(7)~~ (9) "PERMIT" MEANS A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE.

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46 ~~(8)~~ (10) "PUBLIC ASSEMBLY" MEANS A GROUP OF ~~50~~ 500 OR MORE PERSONS
47 COLLECTED TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

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49 ~~(9)~~ (11) (I) "SPECIAL EVENT" MEANS AN ACTIVITY, ATHLETIC EVENT, CONCERT,
50 PARADE, OR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY, THAT DOES NOT HAVE REGULARITY OR PERMANENCE
51 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND IS HELD ON A DESIGNATED DAY OR SERIES OF DAYS,
52 WHETHER OR NOT ADMISSION IS CHARGED, FOR WHICH:

53
54 1. SPECIFIC AND EXCLUSIVE USE OF PUBLIC STREETS, ALLEYS, RIGHTS-OF-
55 WAY, COUNTY WATERS, OR OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY IS REQUIRED;

1 ~~2. THE SAFE AND NORMAL MOVEMENT OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN~~
2 ~~TRAFFIC ALONG ROADWAYS MAY BE AFFECTED OR REQUIRE TEMPORARY ALTERATIONS~~
3 ~~TO ESTABLISHED TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OR CONTROLS; OR~~

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5 2. THERE WILL BE A PHYSICAL IMPEDIMENT TO THE SAFE FLOW OF
6 VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ALONG ROADWAYS, OR THE PHYSICAL BLOCKING
7 OF ACCESS TO A PART OR A WHOLE ROADWAY OR THE SPECIAL EVENT, THAT DOES NOT
8 COMPLY WITH NORMAL AND USUAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OR CONTROLS; OR

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10 3. USE OF COUNTY SERVICES EXCEEDING NORMAL OPERATIONS,
11 INCLUDING PERSONNEL, IS REQUIRED.

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13 (II) "SPECIAL EVENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

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15 1. AN EVENT HELD INSIDE A THEATER, CHURCH, SCHOOL, ASSEMBLY HALL,
16 ARENA, SOCIAL HALL, GOVERNMENT FACILITY, WEDDING VENUE, RESTAURANT, HOTEL
17 BALLROOM, CONFERENCE CENTER, OR OTHER LIKE STRUCTURE IF THE STRUCTURE IS
18 SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO BE USED AS A PLACE FOR ASSEMBLY OF INDIVIDUALS,
19 PROVIDED THE ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE DOES NOT EXCEED THE ESTABLISHED LEGAL
20 OCCUPANCY; ~~OR~~

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22 2. A FUNERAL PROCESSION, A VIGIL, OR A SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE TO A
23 CURRENT EVENT;-

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25 3. AN AGRITOURISM EVENT HELD ON PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT DOES NOT
26 REQUIRE THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF PUBLIC STREETS OR ROADS OR THE USE OF COUNTY
27 SERVICES EXCEEDING NORMAL OPERATIONS;

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29 4. AN AGRITOURISM EVENT AND A FARM OR AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE
30 SITE SPECIAL EVENT AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 18 OF THIS CODE AUTHORIZED BY THE
31 PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18-2-203 OF THIS CODE; ~~OR~~

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33 5. A RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL ALLOWED AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE
34 UNDER ARTICLE 18 OF THIS CODE;

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36 6. AN ACTIVITY AT A PRIVATE MARINA; OR

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38 7. THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR.

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40 ~~(10)~~ (12) "SPONSOR" MEANS THE MANAGER, OPERATOR, ORGANIZER, PRODUCER,
41 PROMOTER, OR THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY STAGING A SPECIAL EVENT.

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43 (11) "VIGIL" MEANS A PUBLIC GATHERING OF INDIVIDUALS TO MEMORIALIZE THE
44 RECENT DEATH OF ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS.

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46 **11-11-102. Special event permit.**

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48 (A) **Required.** A PERSON WHO ORGANIZES A SPECIAL EVENT SHALL OBTAIN A PERMIT
49 UNDER THIS TITLE.

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51 (B) **Duty of venue owner.** A VENUE OWNER MAY NOT ALLOW A SPECIAL EVENT TO
52 OCCUR AT THE VENUE IF THE OWNER KNOWS OR MAY BE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO
53 KNOW THAT THE SPONSOR HAS NOT APPLIED FOR OR HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED A PERMIT.

1 (C) Park events. A SPECIAL EVENT HELD ON PUBLIC PROPERTY MANAGED BY THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, OR CONDUCTED IN COORDINATION WITH THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
4 TITLE UNLESS THE SPECIAL EVENT MEETS THE CONDITION DESCRIBED IN § 11-11-
5 101(11)(D)2.

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7 **11-11-103. Permit application requirements.**

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9 (A) **Generally.** AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT SHALL BE:

10 (1) IN A FORMAT PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

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12 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C), FILED AT LEAST ~~60~~ 90 CALENDAR
13 DAYS, BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, BEFORE THE SPECIAL EVENT; AND

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15 (3) ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICATION FEE ~~AS~~ IF REQUIRED BY § 11-11-105.

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17 (B) **Contents.** AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE:

18 (1) THE NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE
19 SPONSOR;

20 (2) THE LOCATION OR VENUE OF THE SPECIAL EVENT;

21 (3) THE NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE
22 OWNER OF THE LOCATION OF THE SPECIAL EVENT, IF APPLICABLE;

23 (4) THE NAME OF THE SPECIAL EVENT;

24 (5) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIAL EVENT;

25 (6) THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE SPECIAL EVENT;

26 (7) THE ESTIMATED OR PROJECTED ATTENDANCE OR NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS;

27 (8) THE RESOURCES TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE SPONSOR TO ENSURE THE SECURITY
28 OF THE SPECIAL EVENT AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ATTENDEES BASED ON THE
29 ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE OR PARTICIPATION, AND COPIES OF ANY CONTRACTS FOR
30 THOSE RESOURCES;

31 (9) DOCUMENTATION FROM THE VENUE OWNER INDICATING PERMISSION TO USE
32 THE VENUE ON THE DATE OR DATES OF THE SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE INTENDED USE; AND

33 (10) ANY OTHER INFORMATION AS THE COUNTY MAY REQUIRE IN ITS REVIEW OF
34 THE APPLICATION.

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36 (C) **Alteration or waiver of filing deadlines.** THE COUNTY MAY ALTER OR WAIVE THE
37 APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE IF THE COUNTY DETERMINES THAT IT CAN SUPPLY
38 ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE SPECIAL EVENT AND THE SPECIAL EVENT IS IN
39 THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY SUCH AS A SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE TO A CURRENT
40 EVENT.

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53 **11-11-104. Consideration of a permit application.**

54 (A) **Timing.** THE COUNTY SHALL:

55 (1) GRANT, DENY, OR REQUEST MODIFICATION OF THE PERMIT APPLICATION
56 WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION; AND

1 (2) GRANT THE PERMIT APPLICATION AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE PROPOSED
2 DATE OF THE SPECIAL EVENT OR DENY THE PERMIT APPLICATION AT LEAST 44 30 DAYS
3 BEFORE THE PROPOSED DATE OF THE SPECIAL EVENT IF THE SPONSOR HAS NOT MADE ALL
4 MODIFICATIONS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND
5 GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC OR PARTICIPANTS OF THE SPECIAL EVENT.

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7 **(B) Issuance.** THE COUNTY SHALL ISSUE A PERMIT FOR A SPECIAL EVENT, UNLESS:

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9 (1) THE SPONSOR HAS OUTSTANDING MONETARY OBLIGATIONS TO THE COUNTY;

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11 (2) THE SPONSOR HAS MADE INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL MATERIAL
12 MISREPRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE NATURE OR SCOPE OF A SPECIAL EVENT FOR
13 WHICH THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A PERMIT FROM THE COUNTY, OR HAS
14 VIOLATED THE TERMS OF A PRIOR PERMIT ISSUED BY THE COUNTY;

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16 (3) THE SPONSOR HAS MADE INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL MATERIAL
17 MISREPRESENTATIONS OR COMMITTED VIOLATIONS REGARDING A SPECIAL EVENT IN
18 ANOTHER JURISDICTION THAT THREATENED THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR GENERAL
19 WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC, SPECTATORS, OR PARTICIPANTS OF THAT SPECIAL EVENT;

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21 (4) THERE IS INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL FALSEHOOD OR MISREPRESENTATION IN
22 THE APPLICATION;

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24 (5) THE SPONSOR IS UNABLE TO SAFELY CONTROL THE ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF
25 SPECTATORS OR PARTICIPANTS;

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27 (6) THERE ARE INADEQUATE TRAFFIC FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE THE
28 ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF SPECTATORS OR PARTICIPANTS;

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30 (7) THERE ARE INADEQUATE SECURITY OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES;

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32 (8) THE VENUE IS INADEQUATE TO SUPPORT THE ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF
33 ATTENDEES;

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35 ~~(9) THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT OR SUBSTANDARD TOILET FACILITIES LOCATED AT~~
36 ~~THE VENUE;~~

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38 ~~(10) THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT OR SUBSTANDARD REFRESHMENT FACILITIES AT~~
39 ~~THE VENUE;~~

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41 ~~(11) (9)~~ INGRESS OR EGRESS AT THE VENUE IS INSUFFICIENT FOR EMERGENCY
42 SITUATIONS;

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44 ~~(12) THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT OR SUBSTANDARD LITTER CONTROL AND~~
45 ~~RECYCLING PROCEDURES AT THE VENUE;~~

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47 ~~(13) (10)~~ THE SPECIAL EVENT REQUIRES COUNTY SERVICES BEYOND A LEVEL THAT
48 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE SPECIAL EVENT;

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50 ~~(14) (11)~~ THE SPONSOR FAILS TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE SPONSOR OR
51 OTHERS PROVIDING SALES OR SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE SPECIAL EVENT HAVE
52 OBTAINED OTHER REQUIRED LICENSES OR PERMITS, INCLUDING COUNTY, STATE,
53 FEDERAL, OR LIQUOR BOARD LICENSES OR PERMITS;

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55 ~~(15) (12)~~ THE APPLICATION IS NOT FULLY COMPLETED AND EXECUTED;

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57 ~~(16) THE APPLICATION FEE HAS NOT BEEN PAID;~~

1 ~~(17) (16)~~ (13) THERE IS A FULLY EXECUTED PRIOR APPLICATION AND APPLICATION
2 FEE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT ON THE SAME DATE AND THE NECESSARY COUNTY RESOURCES
3 ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR BOTH SPECIAL EVENTS;

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5 ~~(18) (17)~~ (14) THE SPONSOR HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAW OR
6 REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE SPECIAL EVENT; OR

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8 ~~(19) (18)~~ (15) THE INTENDED USE OR ACTIVITY IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.
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10 (C) **Authority to deny, modify or cancel.** THE COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO A
11 SPONSOR AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SPONSOR TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION PRIOR
12 TO DENYING, MODIFYING OR CANCELING A PERMIT. THE COUNTY MAY DENY, MODIFY, OR
13 CANCEL A PERMIT AT ANY TIME WHEN THE DENIAL, MODIFICATION, OR CANCELLATION
14 IS REQUIRED:

15
16 (1) TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC OR
17 PARTICIPANTS OF A SPECIAL EVENT;

18
19 (2) BECAUSE THE SPONSOR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH ANY COUNTY, STATE, OR
20 FEDERAL LAWS OR REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SPECIAL EVENT; OR

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22 (3) BECAUSE THE SPONSOR DOES NOT HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY OR THE
23 PERMISSION OF THE OWNER TO USE THE PROPERTY UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL EVENT IS
24 LOCATED FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT.
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26 (D) **Staffing.** THE COUNTY SHALL DETERMINE THE ADEQUATE LEVEL OF STAFFING
27 FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT BASED ON BEST PRACTICES AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED PUBLIC
28 SAFETY STANDARDS. THE COUNTY SHALL MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE THE PUBLIC
29 SAFETY AGENCIES' SPECIAL EVENTS REGULATORY AND AGENCY SPECIFIC SAFETY
30 REQUIREMENTS. BASED ON BEST PRACTICES AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED PUBLIC SAFETY
31 STANDARDS. THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES
32 SHALL ANNUALLY EVALUATE CURRENT REGULATORY AND AGENCY SPECIFIC SAFETY
33 REQUIREMENTS AGAINST EVOLVING THREATS AND CHANGES IN BEST PRACTICES AND
34 GENERALLY ACCEPTED PUBLIC SAFETY STANDARDS.
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36 (E) **Multiple-day events.** IF THE APPLICATION FOR A MULTIPLE-DAY EVENT MEETS
37 THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION, ONE PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED FOR ALL DAYS
38 OF A MULTIPLE-DAY EVENT.
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40 (F) **Cancelled event.** AN ISSUED PERMIT BECOMES VOID IF A SPECIAL EVENT IS
41 CANCELLED. AN ISSUED PERMIT FOR A MULTIPLE-DAY EVENT, OF WHICH A PORTION IS
42 CANCELLED, BECOMES VOID ONLY FOR THE CANCELLED PORTION OF THE MULTIPLE-DAY
43 EVENT.
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45 **11-11-105. Application fees.**
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47 (A) **Application fee.** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B), THE APPLICATION FEE
48 FOR A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE IS:

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50 (1) ~~\$50, OR~~ \$100 IF THE APPLICATION IS FILED LESS THAN ~~60~~ 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE
51 SPECIAL EVENT AND THERE HAS BEEN A WAIVER OF THE FILING DEADLINE AS PROVIDED
52 FOR IN § 11-11-103(C);
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54 (2) NONREFUNDABLE;

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56 (3) DUE UPON APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT; AND

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58 (4) DUE ONE TIME FOR AN EVENT HELD ON MULTIPLE CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

1 (B) **Fee exemption.** THE COUNTY MAY EXEMPT A SPONSOR FROM PAYING AN
2 APPLICATION FEE IF THE COUNTY DETERMINES THAT AN EXEMPTION IS IN THE BEST
3 INTEREST OF THE COUNTY, SUCH AS:

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5 (1) AN ACTIVITY OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION;

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7 (2) AN ACTIVITY OF A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION;

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9 (3) AN ACTIVITY OF A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION;

10
11 (4) AN ACTIVITY WHICH REQUIRES A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 2;

12
13 (5) A FARM OR AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE SITE SPECIAL EVENTS UNDER §§ 18-2-203,
14 18-10-127, OR 18-11-125 OF THIS CODE; OR

15
16 (6) AN ACTIVITY REQUIRING A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
17 PERMIT FOR THE SAME EVENT.

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19 **11-11-106. Special service charges.**

20
21 (A) **Reimbursement.** AS A SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE, A SPONSOR AND THE
22 ORGANIZER OF A RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR SHALL
23 REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR ALL COSTS INCURRED BY THE COUNTY FOR EQUIPMENT
24 USAGE AND PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF THE SPECIAL EVENT ~~OR~~ THE RENAISSANCE
25 FESTIVAL, OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR, AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (C).

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27 (B) **Cost estimate.**

28
29 (1) PRIOR TO ISSUING A PERMIT, THE COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE THE SPONSOR WITH
30 AN ESTIMATE OF COSTS THE COUNTY EXPECTS TO INCUR SUPPORTING THE SPECIAL
31 EVENT BASED ON A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE STANDARDIZED RATE SCHEDULE FOR
32 PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT.

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34 (2) AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF A RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL OR
35 THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR, THE COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE THE ORGANIZER OF THE
36 RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR WITH AN ESTIMATE OF
37 COSTS THE COUNTY EXPECTS TO INCUR SUPPORTING THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL OR THE
38 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR BASED ON A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE STANDARDIZED RATE
39 SCHEDULE FOR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT.

40
41 (C) **Payment of special service charges.**

42
43 (1) A SPONSOR SHALL PAY SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE AS FOLLOWS:

44
45 (i) (I) PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT UNDER THIS TITLE, AT LEAST
46 75% OF THE ESTIMATED COSTS TO BE INCURRED BY THE COUNTY IN SUPPORTING THE
47 SPECIAL EVENT; AND

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49 (ii) (II) ANY REMAINING OUTSTANDING ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED BY THE
50 COUNTY IN SUPPORTING THE SPECIAL EVENT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF
51 THE SPECIAL EVENT.

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53 (2) THE ORGANIZER OF A RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL
54 COUNTY FAIR SHALL PAY THE SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE AS FOLLOWS:

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56 (i) AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
57 OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR, AT LEAST 75% OF THE ESTIMATED COSTS TO BE

1 INCURRED BY THE COUNTY IN SUPPORTING THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL OR THE ANNE
2 ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR; AND

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4 (II) ANY REMAINING OUTSTANDING ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED BY THE
5 COUNTY IN SUPPORTING THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
6 FAIR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL OR THE ANNE
7 ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR.

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9 **(D) Refund of special service charges.** WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE
10 SPECIAL EVENT OR, A RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR,
11 THE COUNTY SHALL REFUND TO THE SPONSOR OR THE ORGANIZER OF A RENAISSANCE
12 FESTIVAL OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR ANY SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES PAID
13 TO THE COUNTY IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED BY THE COUNTY IN
14 SUPPORTING THE SPECIAL EVENT OR, A RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, OR THE ANNE ARUNDEL
15 COUNTY FAIR.

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17 **(E) Waiver of special service charges.** THE COUNTY MAY WAIVE PAYMENT OF ALL
18 OR A PORTION OF THE SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES IF THE COUNTY DETERMINES THAT A
19 WAIVER IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY, SUCH AS:

20
21 (1) AN ACTIVITY OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION;

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23 (2) AN ACTIVITY OF A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION;

24
25 (3) AN ACTIVITY OF A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION;

26
27 (4) AN ACTIVITY WHICH REQUIRES A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 2;

28
29 (5) A FARM OR AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE SITE SPECIAL EVENTS UNDER §§ 18-2-203,
30 18-10-127, OR 18-11-125 OF THIS CODE; OR

31
32 (6) AN ACTIVITY REQUIRING A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
33 PERMIT FOR THE SAME EVENT.

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35 **11-11-107. Inspections.**

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37 **(A) Requirement to obtain licenses, permits, and inspections.** IN ADDITION TO THE
38 PERMIT REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE, A SPONSOR SHALL OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY
39 LICENSES, PERMITS, AND INSPECTIONS FOR A SPECIAL EVENT, INCLUDING INSPECTIONS
40 FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE, ELECTRICAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
41 REGULATIONS, THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARTICLE OF THE STATE CODE, AND ARTICLE
42 9 OF THIS CODE.

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44 **(B) Access for County personnel.** A SPONSOR SHALL ENSURE THAT COUNTY
45 PERSONNEL ARE AFFORDED ACCESS TO THE SPECIAL EVENT VENUE BOTH PRIOR TO AND
46 DURING A SPECIAL EVENT IN ORDER TO PERFORM ANY INSPECTIONS AS MAY BE
47 REQUIRED BY LAW OR REGULATION.

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49 **11-11-108. Miscellaneous provisions.**

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51 **(A) Emergency termination.** IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 11-11-104(C), THE
52 COUNTY MAY REVOKE A PERMIT AND IMMEDIATELY TERMINATE A SPECIAL EVENT AT
53 ANY TIME IF THE COUNTY DETERMINES THAT AN IMMEDIATE RISK TO THE HEALTH,
54 SAFETY, OR GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC OR PARTICIPANTS IN A SPECIAL EVENT
55 EXISTS, DUE TO:

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57 (1) INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL MISREPRESENTATION OR MISMANAGEMENT BY THE
58 SPONSOR; OR

1 (2) CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND A SPONSOR'S REASONABLE CONTROL, INCLUDING
2 WEATHER, A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED UNDER TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY
3 ARTICLE OF THE STATE CODE, OR A CIVIL EMERGENCY DECLARED UNDER § 1-6-101 ET SEQ.
4 OF THIS CODE.
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6 (B) **Reimbursement for emergency termination costs.** THE SPECIAL SERVICES
7 CHARGES UNDER § 11-11-106 SHALL INCLUDE THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE COUNTY FOR
8 THE SPECIAL EVENT UP TO AND INCLUDING TERMINATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1).
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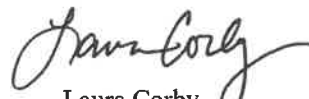
10 SECTION 3. And be it further enacted, That the fees provided for in §§ 11-11-105 and
11 11-11-106 may not begin to be collected until January 1, 2024.
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13 ~~SECTION 3.~~ 4. And be it further enacted, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
14 from the date it becomes law.

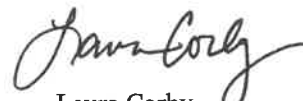
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: March 20, April 3, and April 17, 2023

READ AND PASSED this 1st day of May, 2023


By Order:


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 3rd day of May, 2023


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 10th day of May, 2023


Stuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 24, 2023

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BILL NO. 13-23 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Corby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Laura Corby
Administrative Officer