

Subject: An ordinance amending Chapter 285 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, by deleting Distillery, Winery, and Farm Brewery uses and standards; adding Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production and Alcoholic Beverage Production uses, allowable zones, and standards; deleting the definitions of Distillery, Farm Brewery, and Winery; adding the new definitions of Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production and Alcoholic Beverage Production; and amending Parking Standards and Loading Space Group Reference Schedule 64.3.1 for Agricultural Alcohol Production and Alcoholic Beverage Production.

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ORDINANCE

TO AMEND CHAPTER 285 OF THE CODE OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND BY DELETING DISTILLERY, WINERY, AND FARM BREWERY USES AND STANDARDS; ADDING AGRICULTURAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PRODUCTION AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PRODUCTION USES, ALLOWABLE ZONES, AND STANDARDS; DELETING THE DEFINITIONS OF DISTILLERY, FARM BREWERY, AND WINERY; ADDING THE NEW DEFINITIONS OF AGRICULTURAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PRODUCTION AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PRODUCTION; AND AMENDING PARKING STANDARDS AND LOADING SPACE GROUP REFERENCE SCHEDULE 64.3.1 FOR AGRICULTURAL ALCOHOL PRODUCTION AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PRODUCTION.

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 4-101 through § 4-104 of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Maryland, are authorized to establish zoning districts and prescribe regulations applicable in such districts; and

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing was advertised on October 29, 2021, and November 5, 2021, in *The Southern Maryland News*, a newspaper of general circulation in St. Mary's County, and a public hearing was held on November 16, 2021, to receive public comment and consider amending Chapter 50 by deleting §50.4.12. a. Distillery, §50.4.12. b., Farm Brewery, and §50.4.12. c. Winery; and adding §50.4.12, Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production; adding §50.4.85, Alcoholic Beverage Production; amending Chapter 51 by deleting §51.3.12. a. Distillery, §51.3.12. b. Farm Brewery, §51.3.12. c. Winery; adding §51.3.12, Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production; adding §51.3.85, Alcoholic Beverage Production; amending Chapter 90 by deleting the definitions for Distillery, Farm Brewery, and Winery and adding the definitions for Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production and Alcoholic Beverage Production; and amending Schedule 64.3.1 Parking Standards and Loading Space Group Reference by deleting 12.A. Distillery, 12.B. Winery, and 12.C. Farm Brewery and adding Use 12 Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production and Use 85 Alcoholic Beverage Production of Chapter 285 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Maryland find that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of St. Mary's County to amend Chapter 285 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland by deleting Distillery, Winery, and Farm Brewery uses and standards; adding Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production and Alcoholic Beverage Production uses, allowable zones, and standards; deleting the definitions of Distillery, Farm Brewery, and Winery; adding the new definitions of Agricultural Alcoholic Beverage Production and Alcoholic Beverage Production; and amending Parking Standards and