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ARTICLE 24. TEMPORARY EVENTS, FESTIVAL GROUNDS, OUT-OF-DOORS ACCESSORY USES

Statement of Intent

This Article provides regulations designed to address temporary uses in districts where such uses would not otherwise be permissible, establishes criteria for the approval or disapproval of such temporary uses, and provides requirements for the permitting and conduct of such uses. The Article also requires for the issuance of a Special Use Permit for properties where the intended use envisions large scale events, and provides for the regulation of out-of-door activities conducted as an accessory use to certain permitted commercial uses. The Article is not intended to regulate, and does not regulate, the traditional non-commercial use of property by its owners; such use is subject to other provisions of this Ordinance, the Noise Ordinance, and other applicable law.

24-1 *Definitions*

Agritourism Activity: any activity carried out on a farm or ranch engaged in bona fide Agricultural Operations that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities, including farming, wineries, ranching, historical, cultural, harvest-your-own activities, or natural activities and attractions. An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant paid to participate in the activity.

Festival Grounds: The use of land for the hosting and operation of Category 3 Temporary Events, and the construction, erection, or other use of structures or other improvements (temporary or permanent) associated with Category 3 Temporary Events. The minimum acreage for a Festival Grounds is 250 acres. Contiguous parcels under the same or different ownership or control may be aggregated to attain the minimum acreage; if contiguous parcels are under different ownership or control, the owner or agent for each parcel must formally authorize the application for a Festival Grounds Special Use Permit.

Out-of-Door, Accessory Use: The following out-of-door activities are accessory uses to a Banquet Hall, Conference Center, Corporate Training Center, Restaurant, Brewery, and Distillery: receptions, dining, and entertainment, such as musical or small band performances, which (i) are conducted in connection with the primary permitted use, (ii) do not involve amplified sound later than 9:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays or later than 10:00 p.m. on Fridays or Saturdays, and (iii) hosts less than 1,000 attendees at any one time during the activity. Unless otherwise specified in (ii), all such accessory activities are limited to 10:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays, and are limited to 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Temporary Event: The temporary use of property that is not otherwise a by-right use or use permitted by special or conditional use permit.

Temporary Event, Historical Property: An event such as historical reenactments, living history, home tours, or similar activities which are conducted in connection with a property of historical or natural value when there is either (i) no admission or (ii) a nominal admission dedicated to preservation, restoration, or charitable purposes.

Temporary Event, Non-Profit: An event conducted by local non-profit community service organizations such as fire departments, rescue squads, schools, fraternal organizations, faith-based organizations, or community centers.

Temporary Event, Social: A one day private social event which is not open to the general public, such as weddings, receptions, and reunions, to which attendance does not exceed 300 people, conducted on property not zoned for commercial uses and for which the landowner charges a fee for the use of his property.

24-2 *Temporary Event Permits*

A Temporary Event Permit is required for Temporary Events defined in this subsection as either Category 1, 2, or 3.

24-2-A *Exempt Events*

The following Temporary Events are exempt from Temporary Event Permit requirements and fees:

1. Private non-commercial functions conducted on the property of the host
2. Social Temporary Events where permitted by right
3. Historical Property Temporary Events
4. Non-Profit Temporary Events having or projecting less than 1,000 attendees at any time during the event
5. Athletic and sporting events conducted on sites approved for such events
6. Political gatherings
7. Religious gatherings
8. Out-of-Door Accessory Uses
9. Farm winery and Agritourism activities conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

24-2-B *Temporary Event, Category 1*

A Category 1 Temporary Event is any event which is neither an otherwise permitted use nor exempt and:

(i) for which admission is charged or at which goods and services are sold, having or projecting less than 1,000 attendees, or,
(ii) Non-Profit Temporary Events having or projecting more than 1,000 attendees, or,
(iii) Farm winery or Agritourism activities conducted after 7:00 p.m. and having or projecting less than 1000 attendees..

Each such event may not exceed a maximum duration of four (4) consecutive days open to the attending public, inclusive of an arrival day and a departure day. Amplified sound is not permitted after 11:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night; nor after 11:59 p.m. on any Thursday night; nor after 1:00 a.m. on any Saturday or Sunday morning. A Category 1 Temporary Event Requires a Temporary Event Permit.

24-2-C *Temporary Event, Category 2*

24-2-C-1 A Category 2 Temporary Event is any event which is neither an otherwise permitted use nor exempt, for which admission is charged or at which goods and services are sold, having or projecting 1,000 or more attendees but less than 10,000 attendees. Each such event may not exceed a maximum duration of six (6) consecutive days open to the attending public, inclusive of an arrival day and a departure day. Amplified sound is not permitted after 11:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night; nor after 11:59 p.m. on any Thursday night; nor after 1:00 a.m. on any Saturday or Sunday morning. A Category 2 Temporary Event Requires a Temporary Event Permit.

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24-2-D *Structures for Category 1 and 2 Temporary Events*

Each structure used for either a Category 1 or 2 event (i) shall have been in existence on the date of adoption of this Article, provided that this requirement shall not apply to accessory structures less than 150 square feet in size and (ii) shall be a lawful conforming properly permitted structure and shall support or have supported a lawful use of the property. The installation of temporary structures and facilities, such as tents and portable lavatories, is permissible in connection with approved Temporary Event Permits, subject to all applicable laws and regulations.

24-2-E *Temporary Event, Category 3*

24-2-E-1 A Category 3 Temporary Event is any event having or projecting more than 10,000 attendees and requires a Special Use Permit for Festival Grounds land use to be obtained pursuant to Article 12, Section 3 “Special Use Permits” and Article 13 “Site Development Plan” and also a Temporary Event Permit. The erection of permanent structures and/or the installation of permanent infrastructure used in connection with Category 3 Temporary Events is permissible, subject to all other Zoning Ordinance provisions, including but not limited to Article 13 “Site Development Plan.”

24-2-E-2 A Festival Grounds Special Use Permit shall be automatically reviewed at a public hearing conducted by the Board of Supervisors every five (5) years after the initial issuance, after which hearing the Board may renew, revoke, or modify the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permit in accordance with Article 12, Section 3 “Special Use Permits.”

24-2-E-3 A Category 3 Temporary Event may not exceed a maximum duration of six (6) consecutive days open to the attending public, inclusive of an arrival day and a departure day. Amplified sound is not permitted after 11:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night; nor after 11:59 p.m. on any Thursday night;

nor after 1:00 a.m. on any Saturday and Sunday morning. Without limiting the general authority of the Board of Supervisors under Article 12, the Board of Supervisors may impose additional conditions or further restrict the number of events, days, and times in granting a Special Use Permit for Festival Grounds land use.

24-2-F For the purposes of this Article 24, "applicant" includes the members of an applicant's immediate family or an affiliated business entity relationship. An affiliated business entity relationship exists when (i) one business entity has a controlling ownership interest in the other business entity, (ii) a controlling owner in one entity is also a controlling owner in the other entity, or (iii) there is shared management or control between the business entities. Factors that may be considered in determining the existence of an affiliated business entity relationship include that the same person or substantially the same person owns or manages the two entities, there are common or commingled funds or assets, the business entities share the use of the same offices or employees, or otherwise share activities, resources or personnel on a regular basis, or there is otherwise a close working relationship between the entities.

24-3 *Issuance of Temporary Event Permits*

24-3-A The Planning and Zoning Director will consider the following factors when determining whether a Temporary Event Permit will be issued:

1. If and how the proposed event would result in undue interference with other planned activities in the County;
2. The schedules of churches, schools, governmental operations, and similar public and quasi-public entities;
3. The availability and provision of necessary resources such as transportation infrastructure, law enforcement, emergency services, parking, and similar considerations;
4. The location and operation(s) of other permitted Temporary Events during the same time period as the proposed event; and
5. Compliance with the requirements of other agencies and departments; and
6. The prior history of compliance by the applicant or landowner with this article, the zoning ordinance, and applicable conditions. Prior or existing non-compliance may be grounds for the denial of a permit.

24-3-B In issuing the permit, the Planning and Zoning Director, may, after consideration of the foregoing factors:

1. Establish or modify times during which activities or amplified sound, or both, may be conducted;
2. Fix the permitted dates for the event;
3. Limit the number of attendees; and
4. Impose such conditions as are necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of attendees and residents of the County.

24-3-C The maximum number of properly-permitted non-exempt Temporary Events which may be conducted in a calendar year on the same subject property, or on properties contiguous to or adjacent to the subject property if under the same ownership or control as the subject property, is limited as follows:

Type of Property	**Category 1**	**Category 2**	**Category 3**
Farm Winery or Bona Fide Agricultural Operation, the aggregate acreage of which is equal to or greater than 250 acres*	16	8	4
Farm Winery or Bona Fide Agricultural Operation, the aggregate acreage of which is less than 250 acres*	12	6	3
Any other property zoned A-1, B-1, B-2, or SE-1**	8	4	2
**Contiguous parcels under the same or different ownership or control may be aggregated to attain the minimum acreage.* ***Category 3 Temporary Events are not permissible in Service Enterprise District (SE-1)*			

24-3-D The Director may issue a single Temporary Event Permit for more than one Temporary Event if he determines that each Temporary Event is substantially similar in nature and size and that a single set of conditions would apply to each Temporary Event Any such combined Temporary Event Permit shall not have the effect of allowing more Temporary Events than the limits set forth in the preceding subsections.

24-3-E A Temporary Event Permit application requires the following submissions to be considered a completed application:

1. Temporary Event Permit application signed by the property owner(s) and the event promotor or sponsor, who shall collectively constitute the "Applicant";
2. Temporary Event Permit application fee, as follows:
    a. Category 1 Temporary Event Permit application = $100
    b. Category 2 Temporary Event Permit application = $500
    c. Category 3 Temporary Event Permit application = $2,500
3. Site Plan, drawn to scale and containing all necessary dimensions, annotation, and other details regarding event layout and event operations; except that Category 3 Temporary Event Permit applications require a Site Plan to be prepared in accordance with Article 13 "Site Development Plan" and Article 24-2-E-1 and submitted with the Festival Grounds Special Use Permit in accordance with Article 12, Section 3 "Special Use Permits."
4. Transportation Plan, containing all necessary details regarding vehicular arrival, departure, informational signage, and on-site circulation (as applicable);

5. Safety Plan, containing all necessary details regarding emergency preparedness and emergency response plans, emergency services, medical services, law enforcement and security services, and similar details necessary for ensuring the safety of attendees and the general public; and
6. Any other event information deemed necessary by the Director of Planning and Zoning.

In addition to the proposed introduction of Article 24 (above), the following amendments are also proposed for existing Articles:

➢ Article 4. Agricultural District (A-1)

Remove the following:

4-11-3 Temporary events not otherwise a permitted use may be allowed pursuant to a Special Events Permit for a specified time period. […]

Add the following:

4-1 Uses – Permitted by right:

Agritourism Activity
Social Temporary Event, provided that there are no more than fifty such events in a calendar year and that any noise generated by the event is not discernible by adjoining landowners.
Category 1 Temporary Event
Category 2 Temporary Event
Category 3 Temporary Event in connection with a Festival Grounds Special Use Permit

4-1a Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit Only:

Festival Grounds

➢ Article 8. Business District (B-1)

Add the following:

8-1 Uses – Permitted by right:

Category 1 Temporary Event
Category 2 Temporary Event
Category 3 Temporary Event in connection with a Festival Grounds Special Use Permit

8-1a Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit Only:

Festival Grounds

➢ Article 8A. Business District (B-2)

Add the following:

8A-1 Uses – Permitted by right:

Category 1 Temporary Event
Category 2 Temporary Event
Category 3 Temporary Event in connection with a Festival Grounds Special Use Permit

8A-1a Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit Only:

Festival Grounds

➢ Article 8B. Service Enterprise District (SE-1)

Add the following:

8B-1 – Uses – Permitted by right:

Category 1 Temporary Event
Category 2 Temporary Event

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§ 15.2-2288.3. Licensed farm wineries; local regulation of certain activities. —

A. It is the policy of the Commonwealth to preserve the economic vitality of the Virginia wine industry while maintaining appropriate land use authority to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth, and to permit the reasonable expectation of uses in specific zoning categories. Local restriction upon such activities and events of farm wineries licensed in accordance with Title 4.1 to market and sell their products shall be reasonable and shall take into account the economic impact on the farm winery of such restriction, the agricultural nature of such activities and events, and whether such activities and events are usual and customary for farm wineries throughout the Commonwealth. Usual and customary activities and events at farm wineries shall be permitted without local regulation unless there is a substantial impact on the health, safety, or welfare of the public. No local ordinance regulating noise, other than outdoor amplified music, arising from activities and events at farm wineries shall be more restrictive than that in the general noise ordinance. In authorizing outdoor amplified music at a farm winery, the locality shall consider the effect on adjacent property owners and nearby residents.

B, C. [Expired.]

D. No locality may treat private personal gatherings held by the owner of a licensed farm winery who resides at the farm winery or on property adjacent thereto that is owned or controlled by such owner at which gatherings wine is not sold or marketed and for which no consideration is received by the farm winery or its agents differently from private personal gatherings by other citizens.

E. No locality shall regulate any of the following activities of a farm winery licensed in accordance with subdivision 5 of § 4.1-207:

1. The production and harvesting of fruit and other agricultural products and the manufacturing of wine;

2. The on-premises sale, tasting, or consumption of wine during regular business hours within the normal course of business of the licensed farm winery;

3. The direct sale and shipment of wine by common carrier to consumers in accordance with Title 4.1 and regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board;

4. The sale and shipment of wine to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, licensed wholesalers, and out-of-state purchasers in accordance with Title 4.1, regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and federal law;

5. The storage, warehousing, and wholesaling of wine in accordance with Title 4.1, regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and federal law; or

6. The sale of wine-related items that are incidental to the sale of wine.

"Agritourism activity" means any activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities, including farming, wineries, ranching, historical, cultural, harvest-your-own activities,

or natural activities and attractions. An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant paid to participate in the activity. *Virginia Code* § 3.2-6400

§ 15.2-2288.6. Agricultural operations; local regulation of certain activities.

A. No locality shall regulate the carrying out of any of the following activities at an agricultural operation, as defined in § 3.2-300, unless there is a substantial impact on the health, safety, or general welfare of the public:

1. Agritourism activities as defined in § 3.2-6400;

2. The sale of agricultural or silvicultural products, or the sale of agricultural-related or silvicultural-related items incidental to the agricultural operation;

3. The preparation, processing, or sale of food products in compliance with subdivisions A 3, 4, and 5 of § 3.2-5130 or related state laws and regulations; or

4. Other activities or events that are usual and customary at Virginia agricultural operations. Any local restriction placed on an activity listed in this subsection shall be reasonable and shall take into account the economic impact of the restriction on the agricultural operation and the agricultural nature of the activity.

B. No locality shall require a special exception, administrative permit not required by state law, or special use permit for any activity listed in subsection A on property that is zoned as an agricultural district or classification unless there is a substantial impact on the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

C. Except regarding the sound generated by outdoor amplified music, no local ordinance regulating the sound generated by any activity listed in subsection A shall be more restrictive than the general noise ordinance of the locality. In permitting outdoor amplified music at an agricultural operation, the locality shall consider the effect on adjoining property owners and nearby residents.

D. The provisions of this section shall not affect any entity licensed in accordance with Chapter 2 (§ 4.1-200 et seq.) of Title 4.1. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the provisions of Chapter 3 (§ 3.2-300 et seq.) of Title 3.2, to alter the provisions of § 15.2-2288.3, or to restrict the authority of any locality under Title 58.1.

§ 3.2-300. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Agricultural operation" means any operation devoted to the bona fide production of crops, or animals, or fowl including the production of fruits and vegetables of all kinds; meat, dairy, and poultry products; nuts, tobacco, nursery, and floral products; and the production and harvest of products from silviculture activity.

"Production agriculture and silviculture" means the bona fide production or harvesting of agricultural or silvicultural products but shall not include the processing of agricultural or silvicultural products or the above ground application or storage of sewage sludge.

§ 3.2-6400. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Agricultural products" means any livestock, aquaculture, poultry, horticultural, floricultural, viticulture, silvicultural, or other farm crops.

"Agritourism activity" means any activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities, including farming, wineries, ranching, historical, cultural, harvest-your-own activities, or natural activities and attractions. An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant paid to participate in the activity.

Land use tax consideration:

Real estate upon which recreational activities are conducted for a profit or otherwise shall be considered real estate devoted to agricultural use as long as the recreational activities conducted on such real estate do not change the character of the real estate so that it does not meet the uniform standards prescribed by the Commissioner. Real property that has been designated as devoted to agricultural use shall not lose such designation solely because a portion of the property is being used for a different purpose pursuant to a special use permit or otherwise allowed by zoning, provided that the property, excluding such portion, otherwise meets all the requirements for such designation. The portion of the property being used for a different purpose pursuant to a special use permit or otherwise allowed by zoning shall be deemed a separate piece of property from the remaining property for purposes of assessment. *Virginia Code* § 58.1-3230

State law mandates that day festival-type activities on farms are permitted by right (except, perhaps, Sundays, which is not worth trying to regulate). Night functions on farms can be regulated.