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COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 2016
BILL 2016-04

Introduced: March 15, 2016

BY: The Council President at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to amend the Wicomico County Code, Chapter 186, titled "Right to Farm," Article II, titled "Wicomico County Agriculture Reconciliation Committee," Section 186-5, titled "Establishment; membership; terms of office; meetings." to remove the residency requirement for THE WICOMICO COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, appointments to the Wicomico County Agricultural Reconciliation Committee.

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Reconciliation Committee requires THAT THE WICOMICO COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, representatives from certain categories, such as the Wicomico County Farm Bureau, the Coastal Board of Realtors, the Wicomico County Soil Conservation District, the Agriculture Preservation Advisory Board, the Delmarva Poultry Industry Growers Committee, Chamber of Commerce-AG Committee and a Homeowner's Association, who is a resident of Wicomico County.

WHEREAS, there are some business professionals that work in Wicomico County but live in an adjoining county that represent one or more of said categories and have expertise in agriculture operations:

WHEREAS, THE EXTENSION AGENT WORKS IN WICOMICO COUNTY ON AGRUCULTURAL ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE COUNTY, BUT MAY RESIDE OUTSIDE OF WICOMICO COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Wicomico County Executive and the Wicomico County Council have determined that removing the residency requirement for THE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT appointments to the Agriculture Reconciliation Committee, except for the Homeowner's Association, is a mutual benefit to the County and agriculture community.

SECTION I: BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION, that an act to amend the Wicomico County Code, Chapter 186, titled "Right to Farm," Article II, titled "Wicomico County Agriculture Reconciliation Committee," Section 186-5, titled "Establishment; membership; terms of office; meetings." to remove the residency requirement for THE WICOMICO COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT appointments to the Wicomico County Agricultural Reconciliation Committee as follows:

Chapter 186
Right to Farm

Article II

Wicomico County Agricultural Reconciliation Committee

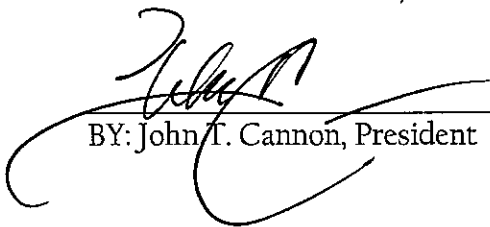
§186-5 Establishment; membership; terms of office; meetings.

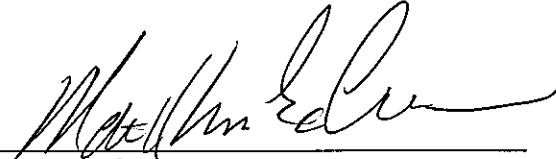
- A. There is hereby created and established the Wicomico County Agricultural Reconciliation Committee, hereinafter referred to as "WCAR," which shall arbitrate and mediate disputes involving agricultural operations conducted on agricultural lands and issue opinions on whether such agricultural operations are conducted in a manner consistent with generally accepted agricultural management practices.
- B. Membership.
- (1) The WCARC shall be composed of seven residents of the county MEMBERS, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The County Executive shall designate the chairman. The Committee shall be composed of one representative from each of the following:
- (a) The Wicomico County Farm Bureau;
 - (b) The Coastal Board of Realtors;
 - (c) The Wicomico County Soil Conservation District
 - (d) The Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board
 - (e) The Delmarva Poultry Industry-Growers Committee
 - (f) Chamber of Commerce-AG Committee
 - (g) Homeowner's Association, who is a resident of Wicomico County
- (2) A municipality representative shall service as an alternate member to the WCARC. This representative shall be rotated between the incorporated municipalities of Wicomico County on a yearly basis.
- (3) The Wicomico County extension agent shall serve as an ex-officio member.

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2016-04 of Wicomico County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage, unless a proper Petition for Referendum thereof shall be filed prior to said date; in which event, the Bill shall not take effect until the expiration of thirty (30) days following the approval of this Bill by a majority of the qualified voters of the County voting in any such referendum.

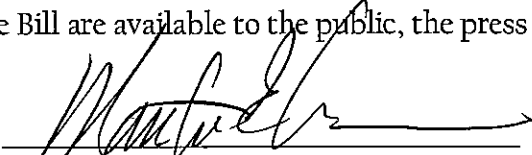
Certified correct as passed and adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland this 5th day of April, 2016.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND


BY: John T. Cannon, President


BY: Matthew E. Creamer, Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the above Bill are available to the public, the press and other news media at the time of its introduction.


Matthew E. Creamer, Secretary

Explanation:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

~~Strike out indicates material deleted from law.~~

~~CAPITAL - STRIKE OUT~~ indicates matter stricken from Bill by Amendment.

Underlining indicates Amendments to Bill.

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 2016-04

Legislative Day No. 06

INTRODUCED BY: President of the Council upon recommendation of the County Executive

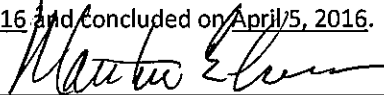
Date: March 15, 2016

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on: April 5, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING: Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on April 5, 2016 and concluded on April 5, 2016.



Council Administrator

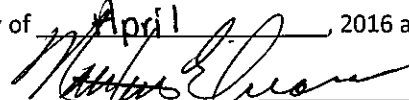
CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Bill was Approved and Adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland, on the 5th day of April, 2016.



Council Administrator

Presented to the County Executive for approval this 6th day of April, 2016 at 10:50 a.m./p.m. (5 days §411)



Council Administrator

BY THE EXECUTIVE:



County Executive

APPROVED
Date: 4-6-16
(21 days §411)

VETOED
Date: _____


EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Bill having been approved by the County Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on April 6, 2016 and effective on: June 6, 2016. (60 days §311)

ENROLLMENT:

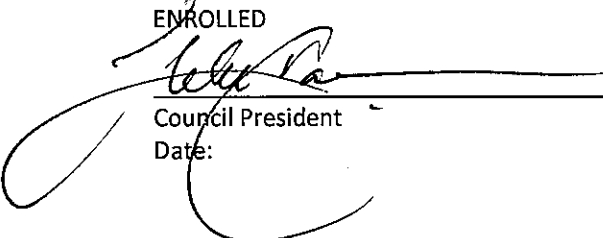
Legislative Bill No. 2016-04 is herewith submitted to the County Council of Wicomico County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT



Council Administrator
Date: _____

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Council President
Date: _____