

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2025 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: October 28, 2025

Bill No.: 1621

Expiration Date: January 1, 2026

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Ms. Mielke, Mr. Stepp

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 (ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT), SECTIONS 190-25.2 (TABLE OF LAND USES) AND 190-29 (COMMERCIAL USES), REGARDING FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATORIA

By the Council: October 28, 2025

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order:

Susan W. Moran
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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SECTION ONE: BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND that Chapter 190 (Zoning, Subdivision, and Land Development) of the Talbot County Code shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

KEY	
Boldface	Heading or defined term
<u>Underlining</u>	Added to law by Bill
Strikethrough	Deleted from law by Bill
* * *	Existing law unaffected

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§ 190-25.2. Table of Land Uses.

Amend Table IV-1. Table of Land Uses as indicated on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

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§ 190-29. Commercial uses.

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29.23 Funeral home and crematorium.

A. In the AC District:

1. Minimum property size: 40 acres.

2. The property must abut a principal or minor arterial roadway.

3. The use must be operated in conjunction with a public cemetery offering services to the general public.

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SECTION TWO: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that if any provision of this Bill or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Bill which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Bill are declared severable.

SECTION THREE: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Publishers of the Talbot County Code and the Talbot County Office of Law, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the County Manager, may make non-substantive corrections to codification, style, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling, and any internal or external reference or citation included in this Bill, as finally adopted, that are incorrect or obsolete, with no further action required by the County Council. All such corrections shall be adequately referenced and described in an editor's note following the section affected.

SECTION FOUR: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Bill shall take effect sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time, date, and place of hearing, and Title of Bill No. 1621 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

ENACTED: **December 9, 2025**

By Order *Susan W. Moran*
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Callahan	-	Aye
Stepp	-	Aye
Leshner	-	Nay
Mielke	-	Nay
Haythe	-	Aye

EFFECTIVE DATE: **February 7, 2026**

EXHIBIT 1

Table IV-1. Table of Land Uses

Use Type	Section Cross-Reference	Conservation Districts					Residential Districts		Village Districts			Commercial Industrial Districts		
		AC	CP	WRC	TC	RC	RR	TR	VR	VH	VM	LC	GC	LI
25.2.D. Commercial Uses														
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Services, Commercial														
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Funeral home and crematorium	29.23	S									S	P	P	P
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