

Expedited Bill No. 13-25
Concerning: Licensing and Regulations
Generally – Picnics, Dances, Soirees,
and Other Entertainment –
Amendments
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsors: Councilmembers Luedtke and Friedson
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Alborno and Balcombe, Council President Stewart, and
Councilmembers Glass and Katz

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) prohibit an unlicensed party for gain or profit to which the general public is admitted with certain exceptions;
- (2) establish the penalty for violation of the prohibition against an unlicensed party for gain or profit at a residential property to which the general public is admitted and related violations in the same occurrence; and
- (3) generally amend the law governing licensing and regulations.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 30, Licensing and Regulations Generally
Sections 30-1 and 30-3

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Sections 30-1 and 30-3 are amended as follows:

30-1. Picnics, dances, soirees, parties, and other entertainment-License or permit required.

~~[(a)]~~ It shall be unlawful for any person to hold in the county any picnic, dance, soiree, party, or other entertainment for gain or profit to which the general public is admitted, without having first obtained a permit or license for the activity ~~[[from the]]~~ [county] ~~[[Department of Permitting Services]]~~.

~~[(b)]~~ This Section does not apply to any picnic, dance, soiree, party, or other entertainment when the entire gain or profit directly benefits an organization registered under a following section of the Internal Revenue Code: § 501(c)(3), § 501(c)(4), § 501(c)(5), § 501(c)(6), § 501(c)(7); § 501(c)(8); § 501(c)(10); § 501(c)(19); § 501(k); or § 527.)

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30-3. ~~[Same--]~~Penalty for violations of section 30-1 [or section 30-2].

[Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the two (2) preceding sections shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.]

(a) Any violation of Section 30-1 or any regulation issued under it is a class A violation.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 1-19, for any violation of Section 30-1 occurring at a residential property, the civil penalty must be in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, except that this Section 30-3(b) does not apply when the entire gain or profit derived from the prohibited activity directly benefits an organization registered under a following section of the Internal Revenue Code: § 501(c)(3), § 501(c)(4), § 501(c)(5), § 501(c)(6), § 501(c)(7); § 501(c)(8); § 501(c)(10); § 501(c)(19); § 501(k); or § 527.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 1-19, for any violation of a following section occurring at a residential property during the same occurrence as a violation of Section 30-1, the civil penalty for each violation must be in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, except that this Section 30-3(c) does not apply when the entire gain or profit derived from the prohibited activity directly benefits an organization registered under a following section of the Internal Revenue Code: § 501(c)(3), § 501(c)(4), § 501(c)(5), § 501(c)(6), § 501(c)(7); § 501(c)(8); § 501(c)(10); § 501(c)(19); § 501(k); or § 527:

(1) Section 31B-5;

(2) Section 59.3.1.6 of the Zoning Ordinance; or

(3) Section 59.3.5.10 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Sec. 2. Expedited effective date. The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.

Approved:



Kate Stewart, President, County Council

July 15, 2025

Date

Approved:



Marc Elrich, County Executive

July 24, 2025

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

July 24, 2025

Date