

ORDINANCE ENACTING
CERTAIN CHANGES TO CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE 2
SECTION 17-201
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

That a portion of Article 2 Definition of terms, Section 17-201. Definitions generally be and hereby is amended as follows:

Article 2, DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 17-201. Definitions

REMOVE:

~~**Microbrewery.** A facility which produces or packages less than 10,000 barrels of beer or ale annually for wholesale distribution and/or retail sales, and which meets all Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control laws and regulations. Retail sales may occur directly to the consumer through a tap room, attached restaurant, or off-premise sales.~~

ADD:

Craft Brewery. An independent brewery with an annual production of less than 250,000 barrels of beer or ale, a majority of which shall derive its flavor from traditional or innovative brewing ingredients and their fermentation. The product may be available for wholesale distribution, and for retail sales made directly to the consumer through an on-

premise tap room or an associated on-site restaurant. All applicable Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control laws and regulations shall be met.

This ordinance shall be effective from the __ day of _____, 201.

Adopted the __ day of _____, 201.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Supervisor Cuevas				
Supervisor Eberly				
Supervisor Chandler				
Supervisor Kyger				
Supervisor Breeden				

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTESTE:

Clerk

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVAL

March 7, 2016

Several people have been interested in opening craft breweries in Rockingham County. Under State law, craft breweries allow for greater production than farm breweries or microbreweries. Additionally, some of these breweries, while located on larger acreages, would not be on an active farm so even with a smaller amount of production, they would not qualify as a farm brewery. With this ordinance, microbrewery would be replaced by craft brewery. Primarily the difference would be in the number of barrels that could be produced each year. The Code would allow for farm brewery, craft brewery, and industrial brewery.

With the encouragement of agri-tourism in the County, this could be beneficial to Rockingham County, and staff recommends approval.