

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. This use may include an event

center. 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
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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.

PLANNING COMMISSION

TABLED

APRIL 5, 2016

With questions regarding whether in the A-1 and A-2 zoning districts, there should be a certain amount of product grown and questions regarding the size buildings that would be placed on A-1 and A-2 zoned land, with a vote of 5 to 0, the Planning Commission tabled the request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVAL

APRIL 11, 2016

Determining that since the State does not allow localities to require a certain amount of product to be grown for farm breweries, the County could not set amounts on craft breweries. Due to the concern, however, of the size buildings in the agricultural districts, staff has changed the amendment to state that in the business districts and planned districts, no more than 250,000 barrels may be produced per year and in the agricultural districts, no more than 15,000 barrels may be produced per year. Proposed change is attached.

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