

MCCF Resolution Opposing Zoning Text Amendment 16-03 and Bill 2-16

The following resolution was approved unanimously by the MCCF at the February 8, 2016, General Meeting:

Whereas the entire Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance was recently comprehensively reviewed and rewritten over a four-year period that culminated in adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance that was effective October 30, 2014, and

Whereas members of the community, a stakeholders group known as the Zoning Advisory Panel, and members of the Montgomery County Civic Federation followed and participated in the comprehensive four-year process of the Zoning Code Rewrite and,

Whereas the Zoning Code Rewrite discussions of the Planning Board and County Council included all lodging categories including short-term lodging, and

Whereas operating a Bed and Breakfast in residential zones R-60, R-90, R-200, RE-1, RE-2C, RE-2 is already a legal use and Montgomery County has a regulatory process in place for approval,

Therefore be it resolved that the Montgomery County Civic Federation opposes efforts to overturn decisions that were already made by the full Council with regard to short-term lodging in residential neighborhoods, and

Therefore be it resolved that the Montgomery County Civic Federation opposes the lack of notice and lack of stakeholder discussion regarding proposed Zoning Text Amendment 16-03 and Bill 2-16, Transient Lodging, which would change the locations, process, and standards for approval of short-term transient lodging in residential neighborhoods, and

Therefore be it resolved that the Montgomery County Civic Federation opposes Zoning Text Amendment 16-03 and Bill 2-16.