



FAQ

Bed & Breakfasts

Bed and Breakfast (NAICS 721191) Article 33 – General Definitions:

- The owner must live in the B&B as their principal place of residence.
- There can be no more than eight guestrooms, or suites of rooms.
- The guestrooms can be occupied only by the general public and for a limited time.
- Only the guests can be served meals at the B&B.
- No meals may be sold to persons other than such guests.

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- Must bed in a single-family dwelling having a minimum floor area of 3,000 square feet.
- Minimum lot size is 15,000 square feet.
- Minimum required open space is 50%.
- On lots of at least 5 acres, guestrooms may also be located in an accessory structure
 - Accessory Building or Structure: a building or structure detached from a principal building, located on the same lot and clearly incidental to the main building.
- Signs are limited to 5 square feet in area. The signs must be constructed of wood or other durable non-plastic material.
- Parking must be off-street and screened from adjoining land uses by hedges and canopy trees. The Department may, however, permit on-street parking should it be determined that the street can accommodate the parking and the provision of off-street parking would be detrimental to the area's appearance.

This FAQ only summarizes or highlights portions of the New Castle County Code. In all applications, the Code must be directly consulted. The language in the Code prevails over the FAQ.

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