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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this March we celebrate Professional Social Work Month, with the 2026 theme, "Social Work: Uplift. Defend. Transform." This year's theme recognizes the resolute spirit of social workers who help to transform lives and bring hope and healing to those they serve; and

WHEREAS, social workers, the largest group of mental healthcare providers in the United States, touch the lives of millions of Americans each day in a variety of places, including schools, hospitals, the military, child welfare agencies, community centers, and in federal, state, and local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim March 2026 as **Professional Social Work Month**, and we recognize that social workers enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable among us.

Executed under the Seal of the County of Worcester, State of Maryland, this 3rd day of March, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



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COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, Alice Paterra has contributed 28 years of dedicated service to the Worcester County Library where she began her career on June 3, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Paterra’s expertise and experience as the branch manager have been instrumental in supporting the mission of the Library, where she carried out all administrative and operational responsibilities, represented the library through professional and community partnerships, and fostering the love of reading and lifelong learning for patrons of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland, do hereby commend **Alice Paterra** for her years of devoted service, and we wish her a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

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WHEREAS, on December 28, 2025, Pocomoke City EMS Paramedic Dayton Dean, Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company (PCVFC) Firefighters Tommy Wall and Christian Martin, and Pocomoke City Police Officer Chris Barrs were the first to arrive at the scene of a house fire and rescued the occupant who was trapped on the second floor; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival, Barrs forced entry through the front door and, alongside Dean, conducted a primary search of the first floor. With Martin deploying a fire extinguisher to suppress flames in the living room near the stairwell, Dean and Wall located and evacuated the victim from the second floor to safety in the front yard. There is nothing of greater value than human life, and thanks to the acts of courage and cooperation displayed by these highly trained professionals, a life was saved.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland, do hereby commend **EMS Paramedic Dayton Dean, PCVFC Firefighters Tommy Wall and Christian Martin, and PCPD Officer Chris Barrs** for their heroic actions to save a life.

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Worcester County Sheriff's Office ^{ITEM 2}

Matthew Crisafulli
Sheriff



Nathaniel Passwaters
Chief Deputy

February 17, 2026

To: Worcester County Commissioners

From: Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli

RE: FY26 Out-of-State Travel Request

Please accept this request for out-of-state travel:

Out of State Travel Request

WCSO	3	100.1101.040.7000.060
Department	# of Attendees	GL Account Code
Pittsburgh PA	04/6/2026	04/10/2026
Destination	Depart	Return

Purpose of Travel: This request is to send 3 Animal Control Officers to the Animal Care Expo in Pittsburgh PA. This nationally recognized conference will provide training in humane animal handling, animal health and disease control, legal and policy standards, best practices, officer safety, and operational efficiency. Travel will occur on April 6, 2026. The training is scheduled for April 7–10, 2026, with personnel returning on April 10, 2026.

Estimated costs:

Airfare: n/a

Lodging: 552.00 (138.00/night per GSA)

Meals: 380.00 (1 travel day x 60.00; 4 training days x 80.00 per GSA)

Registration: 325.00

Car Rental: n/a (County vehicle)

Other Transportation: n/a

Other: \$150 (est fuel, tolls, etc.)

TOTAL: 1,407 x 3 attendees = 4,221.00 – 885.00 (awarded scholarship) = 3,336.00

The Worcester Commission on Aging provides programs and services that support the quality of life, independence and health goals desired and needed by Worcester County's senior residents.

MEMO

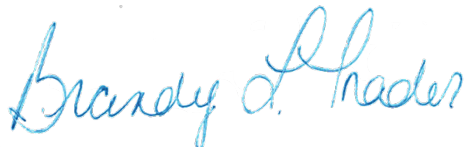
TO: Worcester County Commissioners

RE: Over-expenditure Request

We are requesting funds in the amount of \$10,764.09 to cover the replacement cost of a water heater and maintenance costs for the remainder of FY25/26 at our Berlin senior center, located at 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd. The cost is primarily due to a water heater that had aged and failed. At the time of replacement, Public Works had limited vendor options, and the center had been shut down for 1 day due to a lack of hot water needed to serve meals.

The \$10,764.90 request would cover the current over-expenditure balance of \$9,114.09, as well as \$1,560.00 to help cover the remaining FY25/26 maintenance costs. The remainder of FY25/26 is an average of \$390/month, based on last year's actual costs of \$4681.02.

With regards,



Brandy Trader, Executive Director

Worcester Commission on Aging

Coast Villages • River Oaks Day Center • Senior Care • Senior Ride • Caregiver Services • Meals On Wheels • Congregate Meals
Berlin 50plus Center • Ocean City 50plus Center • Pocomoke City 50plus Center • Snow Hill 50plus Center

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Quotation Note
BERLIN COA

Ln	OrdQty	EDP Code	Description	Price	UM	Ext Price
1	1	BRWEF60T125E3N2	NG 60G 3YR 125BTU PV/PDV UEI T	8108.400	EA	8108.40

State or Local Taxes May Apply

Quotation Price	8108.40
Quotation Tax	0.00
Quotation Total	\$8108.40

PRICE QUOTATION



ITEM 3 Expense Budget Performance Report

Fiscal Year to Date 02/13/26
Include Rollup Account and Rollup to Account

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/ Rec'd	Prior Year Total
Fund 100 - General Fund										
Department 1401 - Commission on Aging										
Location 320 - Berlin Branch										
EXPENSE										
6550	Building Site Expenses									
6550.090	Building Site Expenses General Maintenance Repairs	1,300.00	.00	1,300.00	8,848.06	.00	10,414.09	(9,114.09)	801	4,681.02
	6550 - Building Site Expenses Totals	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$8,848.06	\$0.00	\$10,414.09	(\$9,114.09)	801%	\$4,681.02
	EXPENSE TOTALS	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$8,848.06	\$0.00	\$10,414.09	(\$9,114.09)	801%	\$4,681.02
	Location 320 - Berlin Branch Totals	(\$1,300.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,300.00)	(\$8,848.06)	\$0.00	(\$10,414.09)	\$9,114.09	801%	(\$4,681.02)
	Department 1401 - Commission on Aging Totals	(\$1,300.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,300.00)	(\$8,848.06)	\$0.00	(\$10,414.09)	\$9,114.09	801%	(\$4,681.02)
	Fund 100 - General Fund Totals	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$8,848.06	\$0.00	\$10,414.09	(\$9,114.09)		\$4,681.02
	Grand Totals	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$8,848.06	\$0.00	\$10,414.09	(\$9,114.09)		\$4,681.02



EMERGENCY SERVICES

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To: County Commissioners; Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young

From: Chris Shaffer, Director

Date: February 12, 2026

Subject: Request for approval to return motorhome to Maryland Forest Service.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Emergency Services acquired a motorhome through the federal surplus program administered by the Maryland Forest Service. This unit proved to be a valuable asset during drive-through testing and vaccination clinics, as well as during several emergency incidents, by providing climate-controlled workspace and operational support for personnel.

As part of our routine evaluation of fleet maintenance requirements and overall cost-benefit analysis, the Department recently assessed the current condition of the motorhome and the anticipated repairs necessary to maintain it in operational status. Based on this review, we have determined that the Department's present operational needs do not justify the level of investment required to complete the necessary repairs.

In accordance with the terms of the intergovernmental agreement under which the vehicle was received, the Department respectfully requests Commissioner approval to return the motorhome to the Maryland Forest Service in its current as-is condition.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Chris M. Shaffer

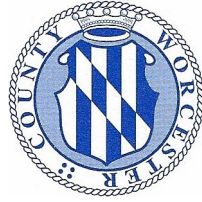
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DALLAS BAKER JR., P.E.
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JANA POTVIN
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Weston Young P.E., Chief Administrative Officer
 Candace Savage, CGFM, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Dallas Baker Jr., P.E., Director *Dallas Baker Jr*
DATE: February 23, 2026
SUBJECT: Federal Functional Classification Concurrence

Public Works is requesting Commissioner approval of the attached updates to the Federal Functional Classification for the listed Worcester County roads. The updates were provided by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and they are requesting County concurrence on the revisions indicated in the chart. The increased functional classifications can assist the County in obtaining additional funding dollars for maintenance and grant related projects. DRP and Public Works have reviewed the proposal and overall have no objections to the revisions. DRP has provided the attached comments which would be returned to MDOT with the concurrence letter, if approved.

MDOT has indicated the next step would be to complete the attached letter of concurrence template on County letterhead to be signed by the Director of Transportation, Public Works or Planning and Zoning. Once returned, MDOT will provide the package to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval. This process is expected to be completed by Summer 2026.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Attachments

CC: Roscoe Leslie
 Jennifer Keener
 Jana Potvin
 Kevin Lynch

Worcester County Proposed Functional Classification Change February 2026						
Route	Begin Point	End Point	Existing Classification	New Classification	Urban/Rural	Length
Harrison Road	Urban Area Edge	MD 378 (Assateague Road)	Local	Minor Collector	Urban	1.66
Harrison Road	US 113 (Worcester Hwy)	Urban Area Edge	Local	Minor Collector	Rural	1.8
DRP Comments: Harrison Rd is already designated as a minor collector highway in the 2009 Zoning Code.						
Holly Grove Road	Sinepuxent Road	Samuel Bowen Blvd	Local	Minor Collector	Rural	2.23
DRP Comments: Holly Grove Rd is a local road in the Zoning Code. This is generally consistent with its use as a summer secondary route to Ocean City. The zoning in the road corridor is predominantly RP Resource Protection District south of the commercial corridor at Samuel Bowen Blvd. DRP could consider making this a minor collector highway in the Zoning Code with the next re-write. This would increase the front yard setback from 35' (avg) to 50'.						
MD 346 (Old Ocean City Blvd)	County Line	US 50	Minor Collector	Major Collector	Rural	6.10
MD 346 (Old Ocean City Blvd)	US 50	Urban Area Edge	Local	Major Collector	Rural	2.16
MD 346 (Old Ocean City Blvd)	Urban Area Edge	MD 377	Local	Major Collector	Urban	1.05
DRP Comments: MD Route 346 is already designated as a minor collector (for unincorporated Worcester County).						
MD 378 (15th Street)	MD 528 (Coastal Highway)	MD 378 (Baltimore Ave)	Minor Collector	Minor Arterial	Urban	0.08
MD 378 (Baltimore Ave)	MD 378 (15th Street)	Division Street	Major Collector	Minor Arterial	Urban	1.3
MD 378B (9th Street)	Philadelphia Ave	MD 378 (Baltimore Ave)	Major Collector	Minor Arterial	Urban	0.09
No comments on road classification changes within the Town of Ocean City.						
MD 452 (Friendship Road)	MD 575 (Worcester Hwy)	Urban Area Edge	Minor Collector	Major Collector	Rural	1.07
MD 452 (Friendship Road)	Urban Area Edge	Griffin Road	Minor Collector	Major Collector	Urban	0.17
DRP Comments: MD 452 (Friendship Road) is a local road proposed to be a major collector. The area is predominantly agriculturally zoned, with commercial zoning at either terminus. DRP could consider making this a minor collector highway in the Zoning Code with the next re-write. This would increase the front yard setback from 25' or 35' to 50'.						

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MD 575A (West Frontage Road)	US 113 (NB)	US 113 (SB)	Local	Major Collector	Rural	0.69
<p>DRP Comments: MD 575A is the frontage road on the west side of US Route 113 (Worcester Highway) where it intersects with MD Route 589 (Racetrack Road). This road is within the boundary of the Route 113 right-of-way when it was dualized, and a 100' arterial highway front yard setback is applied. DRP could consider making this a major collector highway in the Zoning Code with the next re-write. This would decrease the front yard setback from 100' (arterial) to 50' for about six A-2 zoned properties.</p>						
MD 589 (Racetrack Road)	West Frontage Road	US 113 Ramp	Local	Major Collector	Rural	0.12
<p>DRP Comments: MD Route 589 is already designated as a major collector in the Zoning Code.</p>						
MD 707A (Old Bridge Road)	US 50	MD 611 (Stephen Decatur Hwy)	Local	Minor Collector	Urban	0.98
<p>DRP Comments: MD Route 707 is already designated as a minor collector in the Zoning Code.</p>						
Sinepuxent Road	Seahawk Road	MD 611 (Stephen Decatur Hwy)	Local	Minor Collector	Rural	4.68
<p>DRP Comments: Sinepuxent Road is a local road in the Zoning Code. Similar to Holly Grove Road, it accepts significant traffic as a summer secondary route to Ocean City. The area is predominantly agriculturally zoned; DRP could consider making this a minor collector highway in the Zoning Code with the next re-write. This would increase the front yard setback from 35' (avg) to 50'.</p>						

Lamin S. Williams
Director of Office of Planning
and Preliminary Engineering
Maryland State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore MD 21202

Dear Mr. Williams:

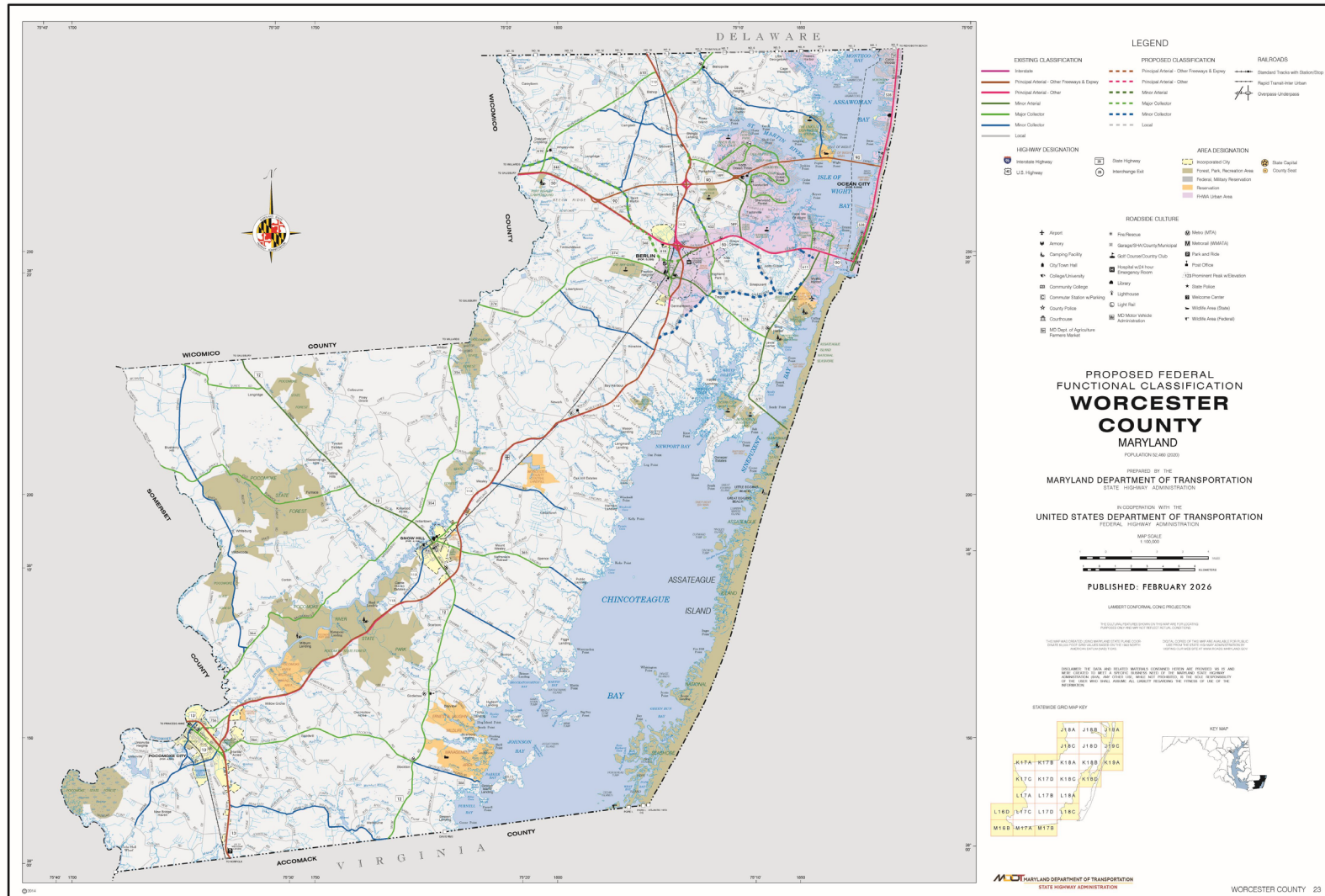
The Worcester County Department of Public Works staff collaborated with State Highway Administration (SHA) in the decennial Federal Functional Classification System adjustment process. I have reviewed and concur with the proposed adjustments contained in the map and table, dated February 2026.

Thank you for your attention and assistance in this matter. Please contact [REDACTED] if you need additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

*(Appropriate Department Head – typically DPW
and / or P&Z Director; varies by County)*

cc: Mr. Geoff Anderson, Director of Office of Planning, Programming and Project Delivery,
Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Darren Bean, Functional Classification Program Manager, Regional and Intermodal
Planning Division (RIPD), SHA
Mr. Nate Evans, Assistant Chief, RIPD, SHA
Emad Gheibi, Ph.D., P.E., Deputy Director of Office of Planning and Preliminary
Engineering (OPPE), SHA
Ms. Tara Penders, Chief, RIPD, SHA
Lisa Shemer, Deputy Director, OPPE, SHA
Mr. Werner Schlough, Chief, Data Services Engineering (DSD), SHA
*County DPW or P&Z Director – whichever is not a signatory to the letter
Other relevant County staff*



Worcester County Mileage Urban Extent				
Functional Classification	Existing Miles	Existing Percent	Proposed Miles	Proposed Percent
Local	191.3	77%	187.7	76%
Minor Collector	0.3	0%	2.7	1%
Major Collector	21.3	9%	22.2	9%
Minor Arterial	10.2	4%	10.5	4%
Principal Arterial - Other	19.0	8%	19.0	8%
Principal Arterial - Other Freeway/Expressway	5.8	2%	5.8	2%
Interstate	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
Total	247.8		247.8	

Worcester County Mileage Rural Extent				
Functional Classification	Existing Miles	Existing Percent	Proposed Miles	Proposed Percent
Local	447.1	67%	435.6	65%
Minor Collector	67.3	10%	68.3	10%
Major Collector	79.9	12%	90.3	14%
Minor Arterial	19.3	3%	19.3	3%
Principal Arterial - Other	47.7	7%	47.7	7%
Principal Arterial - Other Freeway/Expressway	6.0	1%	6.0	1%
Interstate	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
Total	667.3		667.3	

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Weston Young P.E., Chief Administrative Officer
 Candace Savage, CGFM, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Dallas Baker Jr., P.E., Director *Dallas Baker Jr*
DATE: February 23, 2026
SUBJECT: Speed Hump Pilot Project

Per the Commissioner's request, Public Works is presenting the Commissioner with a proposed pilot program to install speed humps on select County roads. Public Works frequently receives requests from communities to help them address speeding concerns. Typically, speed studies are conducted to determine days & times when speeding is occurring, that information is then forwarded to the Sheriff's Office for enforcement action. However, engineering countermeasures can be used to help reduce speeding of which speed humps are one. The installation of speed humps has been used successfully in other areas of the State and on the Eastern Shore. Speed humps are wider and flatter on the top than traditional speed bumps. Speed humps have been shown to be effective in reducing speeding while not interfering with emergency response vehicles nor snow plowing activities. A sample construction detail of speed hump dimensions is attached.

Public Works proposes to limit the installation of speed humps to 25 mph, ¼ mile long minimum, residential roads only, and only after a speed study has been conducted to verify speeding is a problem. Appropriate signage and pavement markings would accompany the speed humps. Prior to the installation of the speed humps, a public advertising period would take place, giving the community 30 days to provide comments on the proposed placement locations. Comments would be assembled and presented to the Commissioners with a request for approval to install the speed humps, including costs, prior to the installation. Currently, the cost estimate for a speed hump is approximately \$2,500 each.

In the case of this pilot project, one road would be selected, and the previously discussed procedure would be followed. After the advertisement period, the proposed installation will be submitted to the Commissioners for approval. A follow up speed study would be conducted to determine the effectiveness of the speed humps and presented to the Commissioners with recommendations to continue or abandon the program. The speed hump could be removed by Public Works Roads crew if desired.

ITEM 6

In addition, the Commissioners requested speed study data for Gum Point Road. Attached is data collected from the radar speed sign installed on Gum Point Road with data from May through September 2025. A summary is provided below:

	<u>Eastbound</u>		<u>Westbound</u>	
	Avg.	85 th Percentile	Avg.	85 th Percentile
May	25.6	35.4	27.2	36.1
June	27.2	35.0	27.5	35.9
July	26.9	35.3	data corrupted	
Aug.	27.4	35.1	28.1	36.1
Sept.	27.0	34.6	28.2	36.3

The posted speed limit is 30 mph. Given the residential nature of the road and the narrow lane widths, a reduction to 25 mph is warranted. If changed, this road could serve as a pilot project location for the speed humps.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Attachments

CC: Jana Potvin
Kevin Lynch

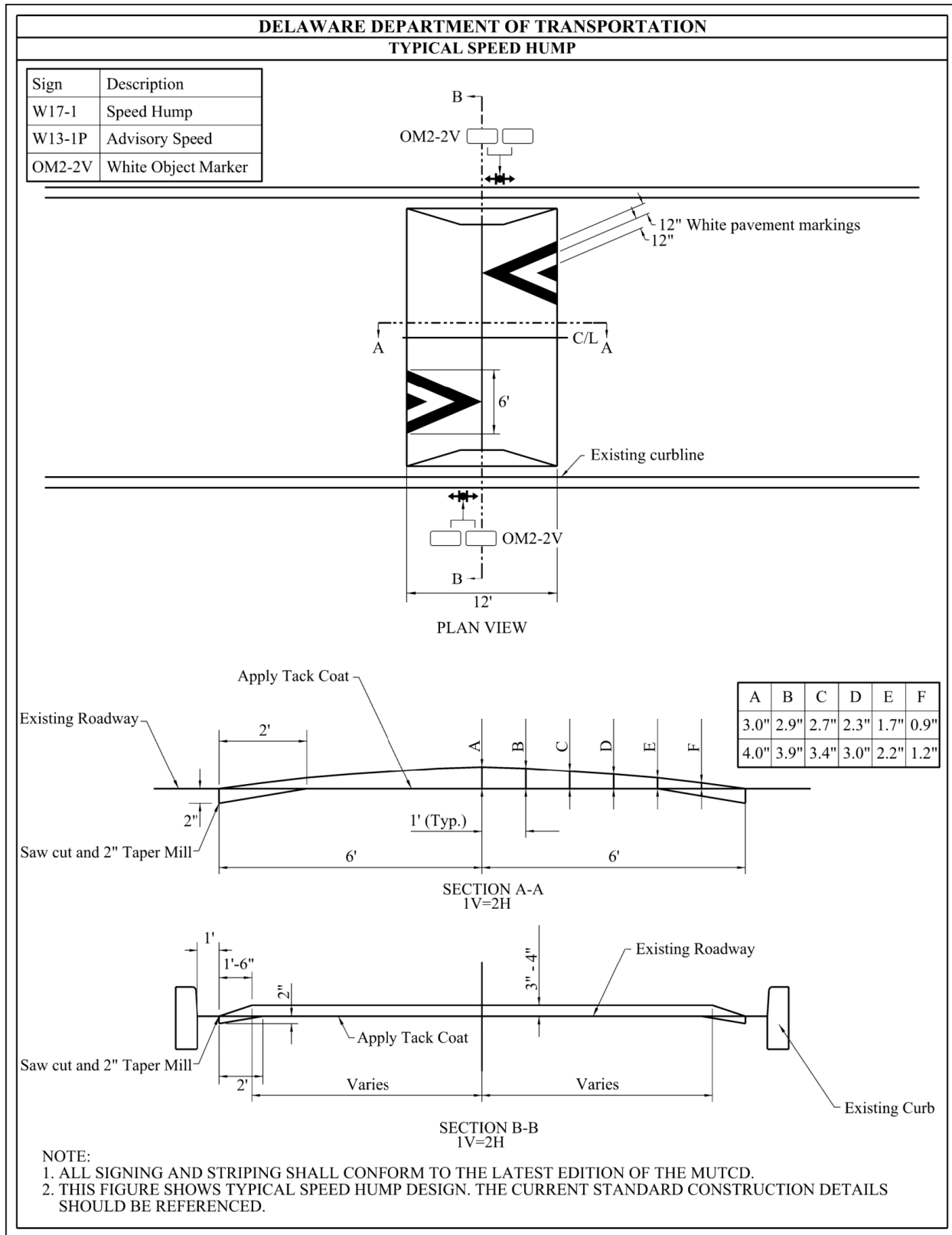


Figure 4-4. Design Details for Speed Humps

Charts Report

ITEM 6



Sign# 408296
Street Gum Point Road

SUMMARY TABLE 15 MIN SEGMENT RECORDS

Serial # 408296 Street: Gum Point Road Speed Limit: 30 MPH

DATE	Vehicle Count	Speeder Count based on Avg. Spd.	Speeder Count % Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Fastest Time Period	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Daily 85th %tile Speed	Daily Average Speed
Sep 1	424	106	25%	17	4	1	3:15p	55	9	1	35	27
Sep 2	553	137	25%	25	5	1	12:45a	74	12	1	35	27
Sep 3	470	94	20%	10	1	0	8:45p	41	5	3	34	26.4
Sep 4	482	134	28%	21	2	1	10:00p	68	11	2	35	27.5
Sep 5	495	103	21%	19	3	2	7:00p	46	11	2	34	26.5
Sep 6	429	98	23%	21	5	0	9:30p	48	14	1	35	26.6
Sep 7	356	80	23%	13	3	1	2:15p	35	6	1	34	26.1
Sep 8	549	138	25%	22	3	0	2:15p	65	9	1	35	26.7
Sep 9	485	100	21%	14	0	0	7:00p	46	9	1	34	26.5
Sep 10	427	120	28%	25	2	1	9:45p	61	7	1	35	27.4
Sep 11	532	129	24%	17	3	1	5:00p	51	6	2	35	27.1
Sep 12	529	131	25%	20	1	0	12:00a	64	9	0	35	27.3
Sep 13	430	100	23%	19	3	2	2:30p	57	9	2	35	27
Sep 14	378	95	25%	13	0	0	1:00p	38	4	0	35	27.1
Sep 15	449	105	23%	10	3	0	5:00p	46	8	1	34	26.7
Sep 16	373	98	26%	14	2	0	10:30p	43	3	1	35	26.6
Sep 17	435	114	26%	9	2	0	2:30p	29	4	0	34	27
Sep 18	367	77	21%	10	3	0	7:00p	26	5	0	34	25.7
Sep 19	442	105	24%	20	5	1	9:15p	44	8	2	34	27.3
Sep 20	383	102	27%	15	1	0	11:00p	46	8	0	35	27.5
Sep 21	344	105	31%	20	6	2	12:45p	49	8	3	35	27.7
Sep 22	436	124	28%	32	5	1	2:30p	62	13	2	35	27.9
Sep 23	446	122	27%	19	4	1	10:00p	50	11	3	35	27.5
Sep 24	471	103	22%	14	7	1	1:15p	48	10	1	34	26.9
Sep 25	471	113	24%	21	3	0	5:30p	54	12	2	35	27
Sep 26	484	135	28%	19	2	0	9:00p	54	11	0	35	27.4
Sep 27	401	110	27%	22	3	0	12:30a	46	8	1	35	27.6
Sep 28	327	111	34%	16	8	2	6:15p	46	12	4	35	28.2
Sep 29	458	100	22%	19	5	2	6:45p	48	11	4	34	26.4
Sep 30	450	83	18%	20	5	1	9:30p	46	11	2	34	26.4

Avg 34.6 27.000

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Street Gum Point Road

SUMMARY TABLE 15 MIN SEGMENT RECORDS

Serial # 408296

Street: Gum Point Road

Speed Limit: 30 MPH

DATE	Vehicle Count	Speeder Count based on Avg. Spd.	Speeder Count % Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Fastest Time Period	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Daily 85th %tile Speed	Daily Average Speed
May 3	583	101	17%	12	1	0	4:30p	82	13	3	36	24.5
May 4	424	73	17%	11	0	0	2:15p	57	11	1	36	23.8
May 5	528	98	19%	8	0	0	12:00a	66	7	2	35	25.5
May 6	550	96	18%	11	0	0	2:15p	70	6	1	35	25.4
May 7	712	166	23%	32	9	2	10:30p	95	25	8	35	25.6
May 8	831	149	18%	30	11	4	5:45p	108	32	15	35	25.2
May 9	720	157	22%	20	3	1	2:00p, 9:15p	90	23	6	35	24.6
May 10	1494	235	16%	64	22	9	6:30p	254	118	61	36	23.5
May 11	991	189	19%	49	13	4	6:45p	154	64	24	36	24.4
May 12	1392	232	17%	60	24	6	9:30p	235	101	42	36	23.4
May 13	510	107	21%	15	1	0	1:45p	62	10	2	35	25.7
May 14	531	121	23%	20	0	0	9:30p	57	8	0	35	26.1
May 15	492	108	22%	7	0	0	6:00p	52	3	0	34	27
May 16	578	156	27%	17	3	0	12:00a, 2:15p	77	9	0	35	26.5
May 17	445	137	31%	19	1	0	6:30p	76	8	0	36	27.1
May 18	369	116	31%	24	1	0	11:30p	66	9	0	36	27.7
May 19	506	122	24%	10	1	0	10:00p	54	8	2	35	26.1
May 20	767	128	17%	15	4	1	8:15p	72	19	7	34	24.3
May 21	720	99	14%	22	5	0	6:00p	80	22	7	35	23.2
May 22	535	97	18%	7	1	0	10:15p	56	5	1	35	25.7
May 23	635	135	21%	25	3	0	3:45p	92	18	3	35	26.1
May 24	1041	206	20%	54	17	5	4:45p	170	69	25	36	24.5
May 25	1664	242	15%	74	34	17	9:30p	337	182	97	38	23.7
May 26	629	123	20%	29	5	2	12:45a	88	24	10	35	25.2
May 27	1878	275	15%	113	48	18	7:15p	362	209	104	38	23.7
May 28	637	117	18%	20	5	1	2:15p	75	21	11	35	24
May 29	523	126	24%	18	1	0	10:15p	63	11	1	35	26.6
May 30	541	117	22%	15	0	0	5:30p	55	8	0	35	25.1

Avg 35.4 25.15

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SUMMARY TABLE 15 MIN SEGMENT RECORDS

Serial # 408296

Street: Gum Point Road

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DATE	Vehicle Count	Speeder Count based on Avg. Spd.	Speeder Count % Avg. Spd	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Fastest Time Period	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Daily 85th %tile Speed	Daily Average Speed
Jun 1	686	144	21%	30	16	7	5:45p	96	36	16	35	25.3
Jun 2	601	134	22%	22	2	0	3:15p	79	12	1	35	26.3
Jun 3	788	123	16%	30	10	1	11:00p	99	32	13	35	25
Jun 4	599	119	20%	24	4	1	4:00p	66	11	2	35	26.4
Jun 5	540	106	20%	15	2	0	12:30a	53	7	0	35	26.4
Jun 6	573	146	26%	23	3	0	11:45p	69	14	1	35	26.8
Jun 7	526	136	26%	21	2	0	9:30p	70	11	0	35	26.9
Jun 8	421	93	22%	9	0	0	2:00p, 7:15p	35	5	0	34	25.9
Jun 9	457	100	22%	15	0	0	8:45p	58	7	0	35	26.7
Jun 10	546	139	26%	23	2	0	3:30p	76	11	0	35	27.1
Jun 11	558	143	26%	24	1	0	11:45p	72	13	0	35	26.9
Jun 12	584	123	21%	21	1	0	11:15p	66	11	2	35	26.1
Jun 13	708	107	15%	19	1	0	9:30p	66	7	1	35	23.8
Jun 14	534	132	25%	21	2	0	3:00p	64	13	1	35	27
Jun 15	432	91	21%	10	2	0	10:30p	35	7	1	34	26.6
Jun 16	533	118	22%	17	3	0	11:15p	57	10	1	35	26.7
Jun 17	538	114	21%	14	4	0	12:30p	64	11	1	35	26.9
Jun 18	514	164	32%	29	2	0	11:00p	84	13	0	36	27.8
Jun 19	573	121	21%	20	4	1	10:45p	65	12	3	35	26.6
Jun 20	611	150	25%	29	3	1	5:45p	77	17	2	35	27
Jun 21	516	137	27%	30	7	3	6:00p	70	11	4	35	27.5
Jun 22	422	91	22%	17	1	0	1:30p	50	12	0	35	26.7
Jun 23	512	125	24%	25	2	0	7:15p	68	11	2	35	27.2
Jun 24	503	155	31%	22	4	0	12:30a	66	17	1	35	27.7
Jun 25	524	161	31%	34	5	0	5:00p	84	18	1	36	27.5
Jun 26	527	113	21%	11	0	0	12:45p	59	5	0	35	24.9
Jun 27	564	126	22%	16	0	0	5:30p	55	8	0	35	25.9
Jun 28	538	150	28%	28	1	0	12:30a	74	13	0	35	27.5
Jun 29	447	131	29%	28	3	1	4:15p	66	14	1	35	27.6
Jun 30	523	141	27%	22	2	0	6:45p	68	9	0	35	27.2

Avg 35.00 26.60

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SUMMARY TABLE 15 MIN SEGMENT RECORDS

Serial # 408296

Street: Gum Point Road

Speed Limit: 30 MPH

DATE	Vehicle Count	Speeder Count based on Avg. Spd.	Speeder Count % Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Fastest Time Period	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Daily 85th %tile Speed	Daily Average Speed	
Jul 1	559	143	26%	23	1	0	11:45p	72	7	0	35	27.2	
Jul 2	562	148	26%	26	5	0	6:15p	81	11	1	36	26.8	
Jul 3	629	190	30%	41	2	0	3:30p	101	20	0	36	27.7	
Jul 4	577	149	26%	32	3	2	3:00p	78	19	4	35	27.6	
Jul 5	609	174	29%	26	6	2	2:15p, 6:15p	94	18	7	36	27.4	
Jul 6	562	134	24%	22	1	0	9:00p	69	14	3	35	26.5	
Jul 7	519	151	29%	18	4	1	2:45p	80	10	2	36	27.7	
Jul 8	547	143	26%	22	1	0	11:30p	72	6	1	36	24.7	
Jul 9	507	123	24%	17	2	0	11:15p	57	5	1	35	26.4	
Jul 10	541	114	21%	21	1	0	11:15p	64	6	0	35	26.4	
Jul 11	550	143	26%	32	4	0	5:30p	83	11	1	36	27.5	
Jul 12	481	141	29%	22	0	0	2:00p	67	14	0	35	27.7	
Jul 13	432	101	23%	14	2	0	5:30p	46	6	1	35	27.5	
Jul 14	533	138	26%	18	2	1	12:00a	63	7	1	35	26.8	
Jul 15	562	113	20%	22	1	1	11:30p	57	1	1	34	24.4	
Jul 16	503	136	27%	18	2	0	12:15a	69	9	1	35	27.7	
Jul 17	540	155	29%	21	2	0	8:45p	78	12	0	35	27.3	
Jul 18	552	140	25%	28	3	0	6:15p, 6:45p, 8:30p	74	12	2	35	27.6	
Jul 19	525	111	21%	25	1	0	11:30p	67	7	0	36	23.3	
Jul 20	447	143	32%	18	3	1	3:45p	79	10	1	36	27.9	
Jul 21	460	134	29%	24	5	0	12:30a, 1:00p	72	11	1	36	27.7	
Jul 22	508	118	23%	23	5	2	8:30p	66	16	3	35	27.4	
Jul 23	510	136	27%	29	2	0	7:00p	73	18	0	35	27.3	
Jul 24	542	137	25%	22	2	0	11:45p	73	7	0	35	27.1	
Jul 25	620	158	26%	34	2	0	10:45p	79	15	1	35	27.1	
Jul 26	455	118	26%	23	1	0	1:30p	65	12	0	35	27.4	
Jul 27	427	109	26%	12	2	1	5:30p	49	6	2	35	26.6	
Jul 28	492	125	25%	26	4	0	10:15p	63	15	1	35	27.1	
Jul 29	544	140	26%	27	4	0	11:00p	91	11	1	36	27.2	
Jul 30	546	131	24%	20	2	1	2:30p	75	10	1	35	27.1	
											Avg	35.3	26.937

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SUMMARY TABLE 15 MIN SEGMENT RECORDS

Serial # 408296

Street: Gum Point Road

Speed Limit: 30 MPH

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Aug 1	539	141	26%	18	3	0	5:30p	58	10	0	35	27.2
Aug 2	477	142	30%	28	3	0	2:00p, 5:30p, 9:30p, 11:15p	80	16	4	36	27.8
Aug 3	463	125	27%	27	4	0	11:45p	65	11	1	35	27.7
Aug 4	516	124	24%	16	2	0	6:45p	62	7	1	35	26.9
Aug 5	497	125	25%	25	6	2	10:00p	74	14	5	36	27.2
Aug 6	567	143	25%	22	5	0	12:15a	73	9	0	35	27.2
Aug 7	611	171	28%	23	1	0	1:45p	82	10	0	35	27.5
Aug 8	607	181	30%	26	2	1	2:00p, 8:00p	82	11	1	35	27.5
Aug 9	547	134	25%	21	0	0	1:00p	64	8	1	35	26.8
Aug 10	483	138	29%	21	3	1	12:30a, 5:30p	70	10	1	35	27.6
Aug 11	523	152	29%	23	1	0	6:30p	70	5	0	35	27.4
Aug 12	519	140	27%	25	2	2	5:00p, 6:15p	67	5	2	35	27.3
Aug 13	468	142	30%	25	2	1	7:15p	76	5	3	36	27.8
Aug 14	495	133	27%	19	5	0	11:30p	65	11	1	35	27.2
Aug 15	489	154	32%	22	4	0	1:15p	62	10	0	35	28
Aug 16	489	134	27%	27	2	0	6:45p	70	13	1	35	27.3
Aug 17	454	138	30%	26	3	0	12:30a	61	11	3	35	27.7
Aug 18	428	121	28%	20	0	0	7:15p	54	8	1	35	27.6
Aug 19	405	115	28%	17	3	0	2:00p	52	7	0	35	27.7
Aug 20	478	133	28%	26	2	1	1:45p	64	6	1	35	27.4
Aug 21	457	132	29%	17	2	0	10:45p	56	5	0	35	28
Aug 22	541	150	28%	21	4	1	6:30p	61	10	1	35	27.2
Aug 23	493	140	28%	23	4	0	11:00p	67	12	2	35	27.8
Aug 24	392	111	28%	25	1	0	11:00p	57	15	2	35	27.7
Aug 25	503	139	28%	21	1	0	7:15p	66	10	0	35	27
Aug 26	482	125	26%	15	1	0	5:15p	66	10	1	35	27
Aug 27	503	123	25%	21	1	0	7:00p	55	8	0	35	26.9
Aug 28	553	142	26%	28	1	0	9:15p	69	14	0	35	27.1
Aug 29	531	144	27%	23	6	0	1:00p	76	9	0	35	27.6
Aug 30	542	143	26%	20	2	1	10:00p	67	13	2	35	27

Avg 35.1 27.403



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Street Gum Point Road

SUMMARY TABLE 15 MIN SEGMENT RECORDS

Serial # 408284

Street: Gum Point Road

Speed Limit: 30 MPH

DATE	Vehicle Count	Speeder Count based on Avg. Spd.	Speeder Count % Avg. Spd	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Fastest Time Period	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Daily 85th %tile Speed	Daily Average Speed	
Sep 1	463	174	38%	37	8	2	12:15a	89	22	3	36	28.1	
Sep 2	526	192	37%	43	5	0	9:00p	90	14	2	36	28.2	
Sep 3	456	189	41%	46	2	0	1:30p	95	17	0	36	28.9	
Sep 4	458	164	36%	33	6	1	3:45p	78	12	2	36	28.3	
Sep 5	509	177	35%	39	8	0	9:30p	82	25	2	36	28	
Sep 6	425	148	35%	41	6	0	7:15p	70	25	0	36	27.8	
Sep 7	298	131	44%	32	4	2	6:00p	67	13	2	37	29.1	
Sep 8	521	214	41%	64	8	0	7:45p	120	27	1	37	28.9	
Sep 9	434	186	43%	39	4	1	5:30p	87	16	1	37	29.1	
Sep 10	409	183	45%	47	12	1	8:00p	98	20	1	37	29.1	
Sep 11	532	175	33%	34	7	3	12:30p, 10:30p	84	16	4	36	27.8	
Sep 12	508	192	38%	48	12	0	7:15p	91	26	3	36	28.7	
Sep 13	416	154	37%	45	5	0	3:30p	94	16	1	37	28.5	
Sep 14	403	144	36%	38	7	1	6:15p, 7:15p	76	12	1	36	27.8	
Sep 15	442	155	35%	30	0	0	9:00p	73	9	0	36	28.4	
Sep 16	463	128	28%	33	4	0	7:00p	61	13	0	36	23.7	
Sep 17	431	145	34%	28	1	0	10:15p	64	8	0	36	27.7	
Sep 18	380	127	33%	25	1	1	6:00p, 8:45p	53	10	1	35	27.7	
Sep 19	452	165	37%	30	2	1	5:45p	68	11	2	36	27.8	
Sep 20	359	119	33%	24	4	0	7:15p	62	11	3	36	28.2	
Sep 21	345	142	41%	34	6	0	9:45p	74	15	2	37	28.9	
Sep 22	433	180	42%	56	8	1	11:30p	99	21	2	37	29	
Sep 23	474	162	34%	39	8	1	12:45a	85	18	2	36	27.8	
Sep 24	462	170	37%	37	7	1	10:15p	83	19	1	37	28.4	
Sep 25	465	162	35%	38	8	2	5:45p	80	17	2	36	28.4	
Sep 26	482	168	35%	32	1	0	11:00p	89	10	0	36	28.1	
Sep 27	391	144	37%	32	8	0	2:15p	71	18	4	36	27.9	
Sep 28	330	138	42%	34	4	1	6:15p	78	14	1	37	29.1	
											Avg	36.3	28.193

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Street Gum Point Road

SUMMARY TABLE 15 MIN SEGMENT RECORDS

Serial # 408284

Street: Gum Point Road

Speed Limit: 30 MPH

DATE	Vehicle Count	Speeder Count based on Avg. Spd.	Speeder Count % Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Fastest Time Period	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Daily 85th %tile Speed	Daily Average Speed
May 1	528	189	36%	29	8	1	5:15p	78	19	3	36	27.7
May 2	550	178	32%	31	3	1	10:00p	101	13	2	36	27.7
May 3	494	187	38%	40	7	2	3:15p	96	19	4	36	28.2
May 4	450	127	28%	36	9	0	7:45p	70	14	2	38	20.1
May 5	491	201	41%	43	7	0	10:30p	105	20	0	36	28.4
May 6	529	192	36%	32	5	0	5:45p	92	16	1	36	27.9
May 7	486	206	42%	51	8	1	10:30p	109	19	3	37	28.9
May 8	527	194	37%	37	7	1	5:15p	89	18	2	36	28.3
May 9	553	184	33%	29	1	0	11:00p	91	11	2	36	27.6
May 10	532	195	37%	31	5	0	7:15p	89	13	1	36	28.3
May 11	416	128	31%	20	2	0	1:00p	74	9	1	36	27.3
May 12	503	193	38%	35	4	0	8:00p	87	14	0	36	28.3
May 13	450	165	37%	39	5	0	8:30p	77	17	1	36	27.9
May 14	486	171	35%	38	3	0	2:00p	72	16	2	36	26.8
May 15	489	187	38%	38	6	2	10:15p	74	12	2	36	28.7
May 16	567	235	41%	49	7	0	11:45p	118	25	2	36	28.7
May 17	426	168	39%	34	6	1	6:30p	94	18	2	37	28.6
May 18	361	151	42%	33	6	1	1:00p	73	12	2	37	28.3
May 19	460	166	36%	21	4	2	8:00p	72	7	2	36	27.9
May 20	448	146	33%	34	3	0	8:15p	80	15	0	36	28.1
May 21	568	117	21%	25	5	0	8:45p	55	11	0	35	21.1
May 22	502	164	33%	36	0	0	10:30p	78	5	0	36	28.1
May 23	588	189	32%	41	9	0	8:00p	92	17	2	36	27.6
May 24	498	149	30%	37	6	1	2:45p	86	20	1	36	27.3
May 25	551	126	23%	30	3	0	2:15p	66	13	1	35	26.5
May 26	453	117	26%	21	1	0	3:00p	52	6	1	35	27
May 27	581	163	28%	37	4	2	12:45a	85	12	2	35	27.6
May 28	498	134	27%	25	6	1	5:45p	66	14	1	37	22.3
May 29	508	164	32%	34	4	0	2:00p	86	14	1	36	27.6
May 30	505	171	34%	40	6	1	11:00p	80	13	1	36	27

Avg 36.1 27.193

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SUMMARY TABLE 15 MIN SEGMENT RECORDS

Serial # 408284

Street: Gum Point Road

Speed Limit: 30 MPH

DATE	Vehicle Count	Speeder Count based on Avg. Spd.	Speeder Count % Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Avg. Spd.	Fastest Time Period	Speeders > 5 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 10 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Speeders > 15 MPH based on Peak Spd.	Daily 85th %tile Speed	Daily Average Speed	
Jun 1	420	141	34%	31	7	1	9:15p	71	16	5	36	27.6	
Jun 2	498	179	36%	42	7	2	8:30p	101	11	2	36	28.6	
Jun 3	533	168	32%	27	3	0	11:00p	84	10	1	36	28	
Jun 4	523	173	33%	30	4	1	6:15p	71	11	2	35	27.9	
Jun 5	551	163	30%	34	2	0	11:45p	88	11	2	36	27.7	
Jun 6	559	201	36%	28	4	1	10:15p	73	13	1	35	28.4	
Jun 7	547	170	31%	30	6	0	5:15p	82	13	1	36	26.6	
Jun 8	447	141	32%	36	6	0	2:00p	75	12	0	36	26.8	
Jun 9	475	167	35%	40	3	1	4:15p	79	11	1	36	27.6	
Jun 10	566	181	32%	42	5	1	2:15p	87	16	1	36	27.8	
Jun 11	518	189	37%	44	5	1	2:15p	96	12	1	36	28.2	
Jun 12	565	192	34%	40	2	0	3:00p	85	11	0	36	28	
Jun 13	593	186	31%	42	4	0	1:30p	104	16	0	36	26.9	
Jun 14	544	166	31%	20	4	0	7:00p	71	15	1	35	26.6	
Jun 15	453	152	34%	26	3	0	9:00p	70	11	0	36	27.4	
Jun 16	533	170	32%	39	10	1	6:15p	85	16	1	36	27.8	
Jun 17	545	182	33%	31	2	0	12:30p	82	12	0	36	27.5	
Jun 18	506	216	43%	50	7	2	8:00p	99	21	2	37	28.6	
Jun 19	574	192	33%	46	12	3	5:30p	101	26	3	36	28	
Jun 20	577	188	33%	42	7	2	12:00a, 4:30p	87	21	3	36	28.1	
Jun 21	572	179	31%	45	11	1	11:00p	100	23	2	36	27.5	
Jun 22	524	115	22%	26	3	0	6:45p	57	12	2	34	25.6	
Jun 23	487	181	37%	43	7	1	1:00p	102	21	2	37	28.4	
Jun 24	541	216	40%	49	12	0	5:15p	109	27	0	36	28.6	
Jun 25	479	190	40%	53	12	1	10:15p	100	25	3	37	28.8	
Jun 26	529	165	31%	31	4	1	1:15p	74	14	1	36	24.7	
Jun 27	513	165	32%	45	5	1	4:00p	95	17	2	36	27.2	
Jun 28	580	175	30%	33	3	0	12:30a	85	13	2	36	26.8	
Jun 29	497	146	29%	30	5	4	5:15p	78	14	4	36	26.7	
Jun 30	524	194	37%	41	7	0	6:45p	94	16	2	36	27.8	
											Avg	35.9	27.54

Charts Report

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Sign# 408284
Street Gum Point Road

SUMMARY TABLE 15 MIN SEGMENT RECORDS

Serial # 408284 Street: Gum Point Road Speed Limit: 30 MPH

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Aug 1	527	198	38%	45	7	0	10:45p	110	19	1	37	28.7	
Aug 2	531	175	33%	43	9	1	5:00p	84	23	3	36	27.6	
Aug 3	523	180	34%	40	11	1	9:45p	84	24	3	36	27.9	
Aug 4	547	206	38%	44	3	0	5:30p	99	24	1	36	28.3	
Aug 5	520	204	39%	44	6	1	3:45p	103	18	1	37	28.5	
Aug 6	597	207	35%	46	10	1	7:00p	105	25	2	36	28.6	
Aug 7	629	217	35%	43	12	3	3:15p, 3:30p	106	21	5	36	27.8	
Aug 8	599	202	34%	41	2	0	2:15p	106	13	0	36	28.3	
Aug 9	551	168	31%	43	6	0	6:45p	97	14	1	36	27.4	
Aug 10	564	204	36%	39	6	0	8:00p	97	18	0	36	27.6	
Aug 11	560	208	37%	42	7	0	5:45p	86	10	0	36	28.4	
Aug 12	491	180	37%	36	7	2	2:45p	92	17	3	36	28.2	
Aug 13	487	194	40%	44	7	1	7:00p	88	20	2	36	28.8	
Aug 14	480	183	38%	39	3	0	2:15p	87	8	0	36	28	
Aug 15	524	200	38%	48	7	1	9:30p	99	15	1	36	28	
Aug 16	511	161	32%	39	8	1	12:45p	87	17	1	36	27	
Aug 17	470	167	36%	39	2	2	8:30p	83	10	2	36	27.9	
Aug 18	437	182	42%	38	7	2	3:30p, 6:15p	79	19	3	36	29.2	
Aug 19	400	146	37%	40	5	1	11:30p	74	16	1	36	28.3	
Aug 20	492	178	36%	45	7	1	4:15p	82	14	4	36	28	
Aug 21	489	152	31%	31	1	0	6:15p	68	8	0	35	28	
Aug 22	527	201	38%	50	5	0	9:30p	92	17	0	36	28.4	
Aug 23	513	148	29%	28	7	0	12:00a	83	13	3	36	27.4	
Aug 24	434	153	35%	29	5	1	4:15p	78	12	2	36	27.8	
Aug 25	496	198	40%	52	7	0	9:45p	104	22	3	37	28.6	
Aug 26	459	185	40%	39	1	0	5:45p	92	17	1	37	28.7	
Aug 27	475	178	38%	39	2	0	4:30p	89	13	0	36	28.2	
Aug 28	558	212	38%	38	7	0	1:00p	83	15	1	36	28.3	
Aug 29	552	199	36%	53	6	0	3:30p	114	17	1	37	28.2	
Aug 30	504	167	33%	50	12	2	2:15p	96	32	7	36	27.7	
											Avg	36.1	28.127



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To: Weston Young, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Brian Jones, IT Director

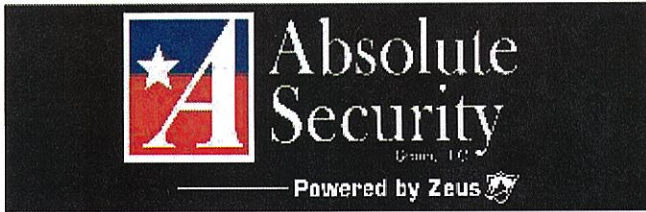
Re: Camera Addition Proposal, Firing Range

Date: February 2, 2026

As you know, the county is currently undergoing a county-wide camera replacement project. Prior to the start of this initiative, we reached out to departments for suggestions on areas needing coverage.

One location that was not initially considered—primarily due to limited broadband—was the Sheriff's Office Shooting Range. That issue has now been resolved, and the facility has adequate internet connectivity to support camera data.

We contacted Absolute Security (vendor for project) for the additional hardware and licensing required, and I've attached their quote for the necessary equipment and software. The total cost for installation, including all hardware, is **\$24,109.00**. This expense will be covered under our existing camera project funding GL 100.1090.070.9010.040.



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Proposal

Client Information

Worcester County - Shooting Range
 Wor. Co. IT Dept.
 9400 Langmaid Rd.
 Newark Md 21841

Proposal Number 6613
Date 1/30/2026 Expires 3/1/2026
Salesperson Steve Smith

Qty	Description
1	10U WALL MOUNT RACK ENCLOSURE W/ DOOR
1	TRIPP LITE RACK SHELF
5	1 DW AI SERVER ANALYTIC LICENSE
1	BLACKJACK AI DX WINDOWS 11 24TB
1	DW 5MP VARI-FOCAL TURRET CAMERA W/IR
1	CEILING MOUNT F/MT9 VARIF CMRA
2	5MP TURRET IP CAMERA WITH 2.8MM FIXED LENS AND IR
2	BACK BOX FOR MR9 CAMERAS
1	DW 10MP DUAL SENSOR VANDAL DOME
1	DW JUNCTION BOX FOR WALL MOUNT BRACKETS
3	WALL MOUNT BRACKET
1	DW 8MP ULTRA WIDE PANO 2.3MM BULLET
1	Digital Watchdog DWC-BLJUNC-W Junction Box for B1 and B2 Bullet Camera
3	5-PORT GIGABIT POE+ SWITCH
1	TRIPP LITE RACK MOUNT BATTERY BACK UP/UPS/SURGE PROTECTOR
1	NEMA ENCLOSURE 17X14X6 W/COOLING FAN & 120 OUTLETS
1	6 OUTLET SURGE PROTECTOR
1	23/4PR CAT6 CMR/FT4 1M BX YEL
1	CAT 6 DIRECT BURIAL 500' BLACK
1	LABOR
0	ITEM LINE SPACE
1	MEGAPIX IVA WEATHER RESISTANT WORCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF - IMPOUND LOT ENTRY-WAY
1	Digital Watchdog DWC-BLJUNC-W Junction Box for B1 and B2 Bullet Camera WOR. CO. SHERIFF OFFICE - IMPOUND LOT ENTRY-WAY
1	LABOR WOR. CO. SHERIFFS OFFICE - IMPOUND LOT ENTRY-



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Sub Total	\$24,109.00
Total This Proposal	\$24,109.00

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TO: County Commissioners
Weston S. Young, Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Kim Reynolds, Budget Officer Kimberly Reynolds
DATE: February 23, 2026
RE: FY2027 Budget Requests- Municipalities and Ocean Pines

Attached please find the Fiscal Year 2027 letters from the Towns and Ocean Pines: Pocomoke City, Berlin, Snow Hill, Ocean City and Ocean Pines Association. We have scheduled to meet with the Towns and Ocean Pines Association at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 to discuss their grant requests.

Also included is the following:

- Page 2 Attachment A: FY2026 tax rates for the municipalities as provided by Maryland Department of Assessments & Taxation
Page 3 Attachment B: FY2026 constant yield tax rates for municipalities as provided by Maryland Department of Assessments & Taxation
Behind each Town and Ocean Pines Association letter is a worksheet which summarizes the FY2026 total paid County grants and pass through revenue and FY2027 Request:
Page 4 Pocomoke City
Page 6 Town of Berlin
Page 8 Town of Snow Hill
Page 12 Town of Ocean City
Page 17 Ocean Pines Association

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Attachments

Attachment A



Below is a list of counties in Maryland, and their property tax rates in effect on July 1, 2025. *All rates are shown per \$100 of assessment.

Municipal Tax Rates

JURISDICTION	FY2026		
	REAL	PERSONAL	UTILITY
Berlin	.8275	1.7000	1.7000
Ocean City	.4426	1.1100	1.1100
Pocomoke City			
Owner	.9375	0	0
Non-Owner	1.1311	2.0000	2.4000
Snow Hill	.9375	1.8200	0
STATE	.1120	0	.2800

CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE 2026

This is a summary of the constant yield tax rate certification (CYTR) sheets that were mailed to local governments on Friday, February 13, 2026. The constant yield tax rate is the tax rate that a jurisdiction would have to impose in order to obtain the same amount of property tax revenue in fiscal year 2027 as it received in fiscal year 2026. If a jurisdiction plans to set a tax rate higher than the current fiscal year's tax rate, the jurisdiction must advertise the tax increase and hold a public hearing before setting the tax rate for fiscal 2027. In some parts of some counties, there may be additional taxes levied for special purposes. These tax levies are not included in these tax rates.

Jurisdiction	7/1/2025		=	7/1/2025		÷	7/1/2026		=	7/1/2026	
	Net Assessable Real Property Base	X		Tax Rate	Potential Revenue		Net Assessable Real Property Base	Constant Yield Tax Rate			
Berlin	634,534,653	X	0.8275	=	5,250,774	÷	664,686,657	=	0.7900		
Ocean City	12,231,619,512	X	0.4426	=	54,137,148	÷	13,527,143,162	=	0.4002		
Pocomoke City -Owner Occupied	162,522,123	X	0.9375	=	1,523,645	÷	171,264,109	=	0.8896		
Pocomoke City -NonOwner Occupied	181,652,580	X	1.1311	=	2,054,672	÷	183,250,748	=	1.1212		
Snow Hill	156,453,656	X	0.9375	=	1,466,753	÷	159,361,729	=	0.9204		

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GRANTS TO TOWNS - FY2027 Request - Pocomoke City

	<u>Pocomoke City FY26 Approved</u>	<u>Pocomoke City FY27 Request</u>
<u>COUNTY GRANTS TO TOWNS</u>		
Unrestricted Grant	550,000	550,000
Unrestricted Grant Increase Requested		55,000
Infrastructure Grant	49,338	42,153
New Community Center Construction Funding Request		150,000
Restricted Fire Grant	72,000	68,000
	671,338	865,153
(1) Ambulance Grant- Vol Fire Co ***Included in 1105 Budget	1,144,479	1,223,566
Supplemental Cnty Grant EMS to provide level fund	-	-
* Cnty Grant Vol. Fire Dept - based on code	298,804	326,512
Volunteer Fire Grant Supplement for Cancer Screenings/Physicals	3,120	3,120
Sub-Total County Grants & Debt	2,117,741	2,418,351
Tourism Marketing On-Behalf	4,500	4,500
<u>SHARED REVENUES</u>		
* Liquor License Distribution	9,375	9,375
	9,375	9,375
TOTAL	\$ 2,131,616	\$ 2,432,226

* Mandated by State or County Code

(1) Ambulance Grant calculated FY2027 rates based on CY2025 runs

POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND



February 11, 2026

Honorable Theodore J. Elder, President
Worcester County Commissioners
1 West Market Street, Room 1103
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

Dear President Elder:

Thank you for the opportunity to present Pocomoke City's FY 2027 budget request. We appreciate the continued funding support Worcester County has provided to the City in past years and look forward to continuing our collaboration on matters of mutual interest in the coming fiscal year.

Pocomoke City respectfully requests a 10% increase in the unrestricted county grant for FY 2027, bringing the total award to \$605,000, to support ongoing operations in Public Works, Police, Water and Wastewater, and Community/Economic Development. The requested increase will also support continued efforts to improve streets and sidewalks, provide safer routes to school, and promote sustained economic development growth throughout Pocomoke City. These funds provide critical general fund support for City operations, particularly in light of the continued rise in the costs of materials, equipment, fuel and energy, vehicles, and supplies.

In addition, the City requests \$150,000 in additional funding to assist with the construction of a new community center. Identifying and earmarking these funds is essential to securing additional funding sources for this project.

Regarding FY 2027 restricted infrastructure grant fund awards, the City requests a grant award of \$42,153 to support sidewalk repairs and upgrades, improving pedestrian safety and accessibility throughout the community.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City, thank you to the Worcester County Commissioners for your thoughtful consideration of this request. We value our strong partnership and look forward to continuing our productive working relationship with the County in FY 2027.

Sincerely,

Brandy R. Matthews, MBA
City Manager

Cc: Weston Young, Chief Administrative Officer
Cc: Kim Reynolds, Budget Officer

**GRANTS TO TOWNS - FY2027
Request - Berlin**

	Berlin FY26 Approved	Berlin FY27 Request
<u>COUNTY GRANTS TO TOWNS</u>		
Unrestricted Grant	550,000	550,000
Unrestricted Grant Increase Requested		
Flower Street Community Center - Schematic design & site work	-	250,000
Restricted Fire Grant	221,000	221,000
	771,000	1,021,000
* Cnty Grant Vol. Fire Dept	298,804	326,512
Volunteer Fire Grant Supplement for Cancer Screenings/Physicals	3,120	3,120
(1) Ambulance Grant- Vol Fire Co ***Included in 1105 Budget	1,309,919	1,456,647
Supplemental Cnty Grant EMS to provide level fund		-
	1,611,843	1,786,279
Sub-Total County Grants & Debt	2,382,843	2,807,279
Tourism Marketing On-Behalf	4,500	4,500
<u>SHARED REVENUES</u>		
* Liquor License Distribution	29,150	34,000
	29,150	34,000
TOTAL	\$ 2,416,493	\$ 2,845,779

* Mandated by State or County Code

(1) Ambulance Grant calculated FY2027 rates based on CY2025 runs



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February 11, 2026

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Hon. Theodore "Ted" Elder
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President Elder,

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, the citizens, and the business community within the Town of Berlin, I thank you for the opportunity to submit a funding request for fiscal year 2027. In preparation for our upcoming meeting, we have included a summary of our municipal priorities and requests.

The Mayor and Council respectfully request an unrestricted county grant in the amount of \$550,000 for the fiscal year 2027. The unrestricted grant continues to play a critical role in offsetting the cost of municipal services that the Town of Berlin provides in lieu of Worcester County, helping us maintain essential operations and community infrastructure.

Additionally, the Town of Berlin requests Worcester County's continued partnership in supporting the new Berlin Community Center on Flower Street in the amount of \$250,000 to assist with the schematic design and site work. This project represents a significant investment in community services, programming, and public space, and continued collaboration between the Town and County will be instrumental in bringing this vision to fruition.

The Town also respectfully requests Worcester County's assistance with infrastructure improvements to West Street, a municipal roadway that will serve as the primary entry point to the new Buckingham Elementary School. As part of the school's design, West Street will be expanded to include a new turn lane to accommodate increased traffic and ensure safe access. County partnership in overcoming the associated roadway improvement costs will help advance a project that benefits students, families, and the broader community.

Attached for your consideration are the Town of Berlin's Calendar Year 2026 strategic priorities. The Town has had great success using workgroups composed of the Mayor and two Councilmembers, below the quorum level, to focus on complex matters before bringing recommendations to the full governing body. We respectfully request that the Worcester County Commissioners consider identifying a subgroup willing to meet with Town representatives to discuss these priorities and explore opportunities for partnership.

The Town of Berlin is grateful for the ongoing support provided by the Worcester County Commissioners and appreciates your consideration of these requests. We look forward to discussing them in greater detail and answering any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Mayor Zack

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GRANTS TO TOWNS - FY2027 Request - Snow Hill

	Snow Hill FY26 Approved	Snow Hill FY27 Request
<u>COUNTY GRANTS TO TOWNS</u>		
Unrestricted Grant	550,000	550,000
Other Grants - in lieu	200,000	200,000
Other Grants - in lieu requested increase		10,000
Other Grants - in lieu Bikeways	50,000	50,000
Bank Street Promenade Project		100,000
Sidewalks to Schools		110,000
Infrastrure Grant	49,338	42,153
Restricted Fire Grant	83,000	92,000
	932,338	1,154,153
* Cnty Grant Vol. Fire Dept	298,804	326,512
(1) Volunteer Fire Grant Supplement for Cancer Screenings/Physicals	3,120	3,120
(2) Ambulance Grant- Vol Fire Co ***Included in 1105 Budget	1,007,236	1,097,978
Supplemental Cnty Grant EMS to provide level fund		
	1,309,160	1,427,610
Sub-Total County Grants & Debt	2,241,498	2,581,763
Tourism Marketing On-Behalf	4,500	4,500
<u>SHARED REVENUES</u>		
* Liquor License Distribution	9,563	9,563
	9,563	9,563
TOTAL	\$ 2,255,561	\$ 2,595,826

* Mandated by State or County Code

- (1) Fire Grant supplement approved from General Fund FY14-FY24
- (2) Ambulance Grant calculated FY2027 rates based on CY2025 runs

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February 11, 2026

Mr. Theodore J. Elder, President
 Worcester County Commissioners
 One West Market Steet
 Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

Dear President Elder:

Thank you for the opportunity to present our request for county funding for Fiscal Year 2026-27. We always like to mention that it is refreshing that the Worcester County Commissioners understand that municipal residents are county citizens, too, and that you generously provide this opportunity for all of our citizens to share in addressing the needs of our greater community. Serving as the county seat for Worcester County places Snow Hill in a unique category as the municipality that provides the governmental services necessary to support various county functions from courts and county administration to public health and safety to public schools, water and sewer, parks and recreation and other infrastructure. As such, many of those who visit Snow Hill for county services gain their first impressions of Worcester County by the image we present in our Town. Accordingly, we share a mutual interest in having the Town put its best foot forward in offering a warm welcome to our visitors and citizens alike.

Our letter this year differs slightly from recent budget requests and we appreciate the Unrestricted Grant contribution to Town services that the county traditionally provides. We also acknowledge with thanks the Payment in Lieu of Taxes and the sharing of Table Game Revenues that have become a staple of our budget planning.

In an effort to recognize and address serious concerns for public safety of our youth and to promote economic development of our county seat, this year's letter focusses almost exclusively on two top priorities: installation and repair of sidewalks in our school zones and increasing support for the Bank Street Promenade Project, an effort already embraced by the county commissioners by some of your recent decisions.

Accordingly, our requests for this year are as follows:

UNRESTRICTED GRANT: \$550,000

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 Telephone: 410-632-2080 * Fax: 410-632-2858

The Town appreciates the \$550,000 in unrestricted county grant funds provided in the current budget and we respectfully ask that the same level of funding be continued into the next fiscal year.

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES: \$360,000

The Payment In Lieu Of Taxes concept acknowledges that Worcester County does not pay property taxes to the Town of Snow Hill to compensate for a fairly large county government “footprint”, particularly in the Downtown area. The current \$250,000 payment from the county started at a base payment of \$200,000 with an additional \$50,000 included to implement the first phase of our Bikeways Feasibility Study. With your support, we were able to add another \$100,000 to that amount with funding from the Tri-County Council of the Lower Eastern Shore which was, in turn, approved to be applied to the Bank Street Promenade Project, an effort for which you have already provided much-appreciated support.

We ask that you consider, with the recent reassessment of property values in Snow Hill by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, an increase in the base figure of 5%, or \$10,000, bringing the base amount to \$210,000. We would then ask that you continue to provide the \$50,000 dedicated to the Bikeways project along with a new additional \$100,000 earmarked for the Bank Street Promenade Project.

The Bank Street Project has captured the imagination of many across our greater community and you have been generous in your strong support for our effort. As you may know, we have been only partially successful in obtaining State grants to bring the construction of the project along Bank Street from Green Street to River Street to completion. A recent application to the Department of Housing & Community Development for \$300,000 to bury utility lines was approved at half that amount. Even with that degree of support, we still must deal with an unexpected stormwater management project and the remaining cost of burying line utilities. We are fully engaged with Secretary Jake Day and others on the Governor’s staff in an effort to secure those funds as we approach you at the same time for additional support. The requested amount will bring us much closer to being “shovel-ready” and will protect the investment the county has already made to make this vision become reality.

TABLE GAME REVENUE: \$42,153 (equivalent to 10% of table game revenue)

The current budget provided \$48,317 as an “infrastructure grant” available upon presentation of receipts indicating work has been performed. We ask that the contribution be continued based on 10% of the revenue generated by table games at Ocean Downs. The figure we present was provided to us by your office.

SIDEWALKS TO SCHOOLS: \$110,000

Several years ago, our public works department obtained cost estimates to install new sidewalks on Morris Street from Market to Federal, Federal to Martin, Martin to Ironshire and Ironshire to Coulbourne Lane. We have updated those estimates and feel the requested funding will go a long way toward providing a safe path for pedestrian traffic to the county schools on

Coulbourne Lane. In addition to approaching the county commissioners for assistance, we will also be applying for State funding through their Safe Routes to School program.

In conclusion, we thank you once again for your time and consideration. As colleagues in the business of providing services to our constituents, we realize that our needs and demands far exceed our ability to address in total. But we also understand that by pooling our resources and working collaboratively, we can achieve so much to enhance the quality of life of our residents and make our citizens proud to call Snow Hill and Worcester County our home. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff in meeting our obligations to our citizens and we will see you on March 3rd to discuss these matters in person. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need of additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Manager Pollitt.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet T. Simpson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "S".

Janet T. Simpson
Mayor

Cc: Kimberly Reynolds
County Budget Office

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GRANTS TO TOWNS - FY2027

Request - Ocean City

	Ocean City FY26 Approved	Ocean City FY27 Request
<u>COUNTY GRANTS TO TOWNS</u>		
Ocean City Unrestricted Grant	2,798,494	2,798,494
Unrestricted Grant Increase Requested		869,757
Convention Bureau	50,000	50,000
Recreation Grant	100,000	100,000
Tourism Marketing	400,000	400,000
Other Grants - Park & Ride	80,000	80,000
Downtown Redevelopment	125,000	125,000
Restricted Fire Grant	208,000	225,000
	3,761,494	4,648,251
(1) Ambulance Grant ***Included in 1105 budget	2,464,346	2,861,285
(1) EMS Services to WOC	1,247,495	1,345,388
Supplemental Cnty Grant EMS to provide level fund		
* Cnty Grant Vol. Fire Dept-General Fund Bgt	298,804	326,512
Volunteer Fire Grant Supplement for Cancer Screenings/Physicals	3,120	3,120
<u>DEBT SERVICE FOR BENEFIT OF OCEAN CITY</u>		
Beach Maintenance-DNR Fund	490,000	1,000,000
	4,503,765	5,536,305
Sub-Total County Grants & Debt	8,265,259	10,184,556.00
Tourism Marketing On-Behalf	270,000	270,000
<u>SHARED REVENUES</u>		
* Bingo License Receipts	2,900	3,400
* Liquor License Distribution	340,000	340,000
	342,900	343,400
TOTAL	\$ 8,878,159	\$ 10,797,956

* Mandated by State or County Code

(1) Ambulance Grant calculated FY2027 rates based on CY2025 runs



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February 11, 2026

Mr. Theodore J. Elder
President
Worcester County Commissioners
Government Center
One West Market Street – Room 1103
Snow Hill, MD 21863-1195

RE: Worcester County Grant Request FY27

Dear Honorable President Elder and Distinguished Worcester County Commissioners:

The Mayor and Council look forward to meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss grants for FY27. In order to allow you time to prepare for our meeting, please find the summation of our requests.

The undesignated grant we receive from Worcester County helps to offset the cost of services that Ocean City provides in lieu of the County providing these services. Ten years ago, Ocean City received \$2,411,956 in undesignated grant funds from Worcester County. That same year Worcester County Property Taxes paid from Ocean City totaled \$65,651,394. Therefore, the unrestricted grant was 3.7% of taxes paid by Ocean City. Since that time, County taxes paid by Ocean City property owners have increased to almost \$100 million in FY26, a 40% increase yet over that same period of time our unrestricted grant has increased by only 16%.

We would respectfully request that our unrestricted grant be restored to 3.7% of the amount of county property taxes paid by Ocean City property taxes as it was in 2015. We estimated property taxes received from Ocean City in FY26 were \$99,141,921 and therefore we would request that our FY27 unrestricted grant be set at \$3,668,251.

We would also like to thank you for other grants we receive and request that the grants for Tourism, Recreation, the OCDC, the Convention Bureau, and the Park and Ride continue to be funded at the same levels as were funded in FY26.

MAYOR

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We would like to again thank the Commissioners for recognizing our concerns with regard to the cost to Ocean City taxpayers of providing EMS service to the West Ocean City area and working with the town to develop a formula to fully fund and reimburse the town for providing this essential service. We would again request that this formula be applied in the FY27 Budget. The total cost to provide this service in 2025, over and above grants received and revenue collected, was \$1,345,388. We would request a grant in the amount \$1,345,388 to cover these costs and your agreement to continue to utilize this same formula to cover the cost of providing this service in calendar year 2026. We have included a breakdown of the actual costs to provide the West Ocean City Service. You should note that calls for service in West Ocean City accounted for 20.88% of our total EMS calls.

In FY26, new state property assessments from Ocean City increased Worcester County property tax revenue by \$7.4 million. We believe that is only fair that some of those additional revenues be used to directly benefit the residents and property owners in Ocean City. Establishing a formula that ties Ocean City's unrestricted grant to the Ocean City property tax dollars received by the County and setting that percentage at a level that is both fair to Ocean City taxpayers and affordable to the county would be a very positive step towards equity for both parties. We have asked for 3.7% for this year and would like the opportunity to continue this discussion for future years. Ultimately, that would provide both bodies with more budget certainty and recognize the increased costs of services that Ocean City provides to our residents and visitors that would otherwise fall to the County.

In closing, we truly appreciate the Commissioners giving us the opportunity to present the above important requests and your willingness to consider a new way of determining our unrestricted grant. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss them.

Respectfully,



Richard W. Meehan
Mayor

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Worcester County Grants vs Property Tax Received from OC

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Increase 2025-2015	
Unrestricted Grant	2,411,956	2,411,956	2,411,956	2,431,956	2,490,000	2,490,000	2,552,250	2,616,056	2,681,457	2,681,457	2,748,494	336,538	14.0%
Ocean City Property Taxes	65,651,394	70,392,045	71,559,592	73,001,642	73,428,046	76,060,856	79,157,693	79,293,269	80,110,867	81,275,650	91,755,557	26,104,163	39.8%
Grant as a percentage of tax	3.7%	3.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%		

Bottom line is over the past 10 years property taxes received from Ocean City increased by 40% while the unrestricted grant only increased 14%

County request, unrestricted grant equal to 3.7% of property tax received from Ocean City.

2026 unrestricted grant request is therefore :

Estimated City Taxes FY26	99,141,921
Requested rate	3.7%
Requested Unrestricted Grant	3,668,251

**Cost of Career Division Response to West Ocean City:
Actual for FY 25**

Calls for Service to West Ocean City:	
Calendar 2025 Emergency Medical Calls	1,111
Total Career Division Calls for Service	5,320
% of West OC Response to Total	20.88%
Total Career Division FY 25 Expenses	12,308,639
% of Budget for West Ocean City Response (20.88%)	2,570,470
West Ocean City Patient Revenue Collected	234,603
Worcester County Grants for Ambulance Service:	
621 credit runs @ \$1,000 per run	621,000
490 non-transports @ \$250 per run	122,500
Additional Supplement for Runs (.2088 x total rec'd)	32,109
Per Paramedic Funding (.2088 of total received)	113,587
Personnel Supplement (.2088 x total)	39,672
Ambulance Funding (.2088 of total received)	52,200
Mileage supplement .2088 x \$45,066	9,410
Total Worcester County Grants Received for West OC	990,478
Total Revenue Received for West OC Calls	1,225,081
Town of Ocean City Contribution to West OC Calls	1,345,388

GRANTS TO TOWNS - FY2027 Request - Ocean Pines Association

	Ocean Pines FY26 Approved	Ocean Pines FY27 Request
<u>COUNTY GRANTS TO TOWNS</u>		
** County Street Grants By Agreement	223,071	219,353
Infrastructure - Roads & Bridge Repairs		150,000
Unrestricted Grant Supplement	50,000	
New Fire Station Funding Request		100,000
Recreation & Parks Grant	20,000	40,000
Tourism		
Police Aid	550,000	725,000
Restricted Fire Grant	46,000	54,000
	889,071	1,288,353
* Cnty Grant Vol. Fire Dept	298,804	326,512
Volunteer Fire Grant Supplement for Cancer Screenings/Physicals	3,120	3,120
(1) Ambulance Grant- Vol Fire Co ***Included in 1105 Budget	952,200	1,111,330
Supplement to provide level funding		-
	1,254,124	1,440,962
Sub-Total County Grants & Debt	2,143,195	2,729,315
TOTAL	\$ 2,143,195	\$ 2,729,315

** In Roads Dept Budget

* Mandated by State or County Code

(1) Ambulance Grant calculated FY2027 rates based on CY2025 runs



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January 28, 2026

Ms. Kim Reynolds, Budget Officer
Worcester County Government Center
One West Market Street
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

This request is being submitted to you in accordance with the letter dated January 6, 2026 from President Theodore Elder. President Elder asked that the Ocean Pines Association provide details on funding requests to assist with developing the Worcester County Budget for the coming fiscal year.

The 8,588 properties within Ocean Pines include a year-round population of over 12,000 which represents a significant percentage of the overall county population. In addition to the county residents that live and own property in Ocean Pines, the Association shares the use of its physical assets with thousands of guests who come to the area to visit each year. These physical assets include eighty-two miles of road, associated bridges, five pools, a golf course, several restaurants, and numerous parks and playgrounds. Additional services that the Association provides to the residents of the county when they are in Ocean Pines include public safety services and various recreation programming that include classes for physical fitness and wellness, educational forums, along with children's camps and other activities.

The summary information noted above is a general reference regarding our request for funding. We believe the Commissioners and other members of the leadership team recognize the Association for the asset that it is to the County through its consideration of funding for this upcoming year.

As we have requested in the past, and to align with the County's budget structure, our requests fall into four categories: Fire Department, Public Safety, Roads and Bridges, and Parks and Recreation.

Visit Us Online at www.oceanpines.org

Fire Department

The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department consists of both full-time staff and volunteers that ensure the safety of our residents through fire and EMS services. The department also assists neighboring communities when needed.

The highly responsive service is due to the two fire stations that service the community. With the contract recently signed, the construction of the new south station will begin soon, and the project is slated to take an estimated 60 weeks to complete. While a grant has been received for a portion of the estimated construction cost of \$5.2 million, the burden of funding the remaining \$3.7 million, including the interior furnishings and required equipment, are borne on the Ocean Pines residents.

To assist us in providing a high-functioning new fire station that services the entire community, we respectfully request Fire Department funding in the amount of \$100,000.

Public Safety

The County has consistently provided grant funding for the dedicated purpose of supporting the Ocean Pines Police Department. We appreciate this financial support and request that the County continue to provide a level of funding commensurate with the importance of this public safety service.

The annual report submitted by the Ocean Pines Police Department shows the number of calls in 2025 for mutual aid and assisting other agencies including joint agency operations at 279 and a total number of calls for service at 12,938. These service calls generated by citizens and police personnel in the field included both criminal and non-criminal incidents. Your help in providing much needed funding is imperative to meet the related and growing needs for recruitment, training, and time.

In addition, as Ocean Pines is not a municipality, we cannot participate in the Law Enforcement Officers Pension System (LEOPS). This has been extremely challenging, as we have adopted an enhanced pension plan equivalent 401K program. The request for funding will assist in not only providing support to the officers of the department but also in keeping Ocean Pines the safest city to live in Maryland.

To assist us in meeting the current and increasing demands on our police force, including the mandated body cameras with expenses over \$105,000 yearly, we respectfully request Public Safety funding in the form of a grant in the amount of \$725,000 and ask for your consideration.

Roads & Bridges

The 82 miles of roads in Ocean Pines carry the traffic load for both resident and non-resident vehicles every day. Along with the responsibility to maintain 4 bridges to comply with the appropriate safety standards, we also have 387 drainage pipes that cross under existing roads. As that infrastructure is more than 50 years old, much of it is in dire need of replacement. We must also maintain each of the residential driveway pipes throughout our community.

Ocean Pines has taken a more aggressive approach in maintaining our roadways and repairing drainage pipes. Specific plans have been developed, and work is being done in these areas in conjunction with those plans. If funding from the County were to be made available, these projects could continue, and we would be able to alleviate road and drainage problems that currently have an impact on many of our property owners. Also, should the County open any discussions regarding available Casino funds and the impact associated with the establishment of table games, Ocean Pines would be very interested in participating in the hopes that we could potentially share benefits with the County residents in Ocean Pines if such funding became available.

To assist us in meeting the infrastructure needs of our portion of the county, we respectfully request funding in the amount of \$150,000 and ask for your consideration.

Parks & Recreation

Our Recreation & Parks Department operates seven days a week, year-round, to meet the needs of our residents, visitors, and tourists. We offer many no-fee amenities and activities, including year-round events, basketball courts, soccer fields, playgrounds, skate park, walking trails and other special event programs that are open to the public and well attended by residents and non-residents alike. However, there are considerable maintenance and operations costs associated with these "free" amenities; most of which is considerably borne by the residents.

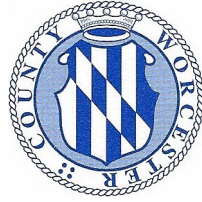
To assist us in continuing to execute high-quality events and programming for the community at-large and our visiting guests to the county, we respectfully request Recreation & Parks funding in the amount of \$40,000.

Respectfully submitted,



John Latham (on behalf of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors)
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Worcester County
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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DALLAS BAKER JR., P.E.
 DIRECTOR

JANA POTVIN
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Weston Young, P.E., Chief Administrative Officer
 Candace Savage, CGFM, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Dallas Baker, Jr., P.E., Director *Dallas Baker Jr*
DATE: February 22, 2026
SUBJECT: 2026 Consolidated Transportation Program Letter

Attached for the Commissioner's review and comment is the draft 2026 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) priority letter addressed to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). Each year, the County sends a letter to MDOT and the local State Delegation outlining our priorities to the State's transportation network. All projects from last year are included on the list with the exception of the pedestrian improvements at US 113 & MD 346 which have been completed. I recommend keeping all requested improvements on the list until they are fully funded for construction. I also recommend we continue to meet with MDOT at the Summer MACo conference (August 12 – 15, 2026) to discuss these projects with them in person.

Lastly, Public Works reached out to the incorporated municipalities of Ocean City, Berlin, Snow Hill, and Pocomoke to solicit any requests they may have for MDOT. We have received the attached priority letters from Ocean City, Snow Hill, and Berlin which I recommend we include in our submittal to MDOT.

Attachments

cc: Jana Potvin
 File

February 22, 2026

Ms. Kathryn B. Thomson, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

RE: State Transportation Priorities in Worcester County for 2026

Dear Secretary Thomson:

Thank you for the opportunity to present Worcester County's transportation priorities at the upcoming Consolidated Transportation Program tour this fall. In advance of that meeting, shown below is the list of projects we would like to discuss with you and the MDOT team during the tour and at the summer MACO conference in Ocean City, August 12 – 15, 2026.

DUALIZE MD 90

Traffic congestion on MD 90 continues to worsen. Ocean City has become a year round tourist destination and development on the north end of Worcester County continues to see record growth in new home and business construction. MD 90 needs to be dualized to address the increased traffic demands. Worcester County recognizes full dualization is a major capital project with a prolonged timeline for completion.

In addition, it is requested MDOT review the possibility of the short term interim improvement of strengthening and widening the shoulders of MD 90 while full dualization is pursued. The shoulders of MD 90 are too narrow and too thin to support sustained vehicular traffic. As such, during most routine maintenance operations by SHA, MD 90 is placed into a flagging operation or one lane is shut down entirely because the presence of the median guardrail. Traffic quickly backs up and significant delays are encountered. By widening and strengthening the shoulders to support temporary vehicular traffic, it will reduce the need to fully close a travel lane during maintenance or emergency response activities. It is believed this short term improvement could be undertaken quickly while long range planning, permitting, design, and construction moves forward towards full dualization.

DUALIZE MD 589

The north end of Worcester County has experienced significant growth over the last decade and the MD 589 corridor has become heavily congested at all times of the year. More people are living in Ocean Pines year round than ever before and commercial development is increasing. Congestion and delay issues along MD 589 are at or are approaching failing conditions as the road network reaches maximum capacity. MD 589 needs to be dualized to address the congestion issues and increasing safety concerns as additional residents come to the area.

NEW DRAWBRIDGE ON US 50 ENTERING OCEAN CITY

Similar to MD 90, traffic congestion on US 50 continues to worsen. In recent years, there have been several incidents of the existing drawbridge getting stuck. With Ocean City serving as a year round tourist destination, the US 50 drawbridge needs to be replaced with a more reliable structure and one that can accommodate the increasing traffic congestion issues.

SIGNALIZE THE INTERSECTION AT MD 611 & MD 376

During tourist season, MD 376 experiences significant delays and queuing as eastbound traffic waits to turn left onto northbound MD 611. There are several traffic generating businesses north of the intersection (ex. Frontier Town Campground & Water Park, Eagle's Landing Golf Course, Ocean City Airport) as well as numerous residential and commercial developments. The steady stream of traffic to and from Assateague Park does not allow for adequate gaps for traffic to enter onto MD 611. The intersection needs to be signalized to reduce the delay and congestion on MD 376, even if using a seasonal signal operation similar to what was approved for MD 611 and Golf Course Road several years ago.

SIGNALIZE THE INTERSECTION AT MD 367 & MD 368 (BISHOPVILLE)

GPS applications such as Google Maps and Waze are sending increasing amounts of traffic down MD 367 and MD 368 as an alternate route to MD 90 instead of the more appropriate and better suited route of US 113. MD 367 & MD 368 are two lane, two way roads intended more to serve residential traffic, not the volume of tourist traffic currently being experienced. Local residents and visitors to the area are getting stuck on MD 368 north bound as they try to turn left on MD 367 west bound. The intersection needs to be signalized to reduce delay and congestion.

SIGNALIZE THE INTERSECTION AT US 13 & MD 366 (POCOMOKE)

Worcester County is requesting MDOT upgrade the intersection of US 13 and MD 366 in Pocomoke from the existing intersection control beacon to a full traffic signal for safety improvements and associated intersection widening to support nearby economic development. Over the years, there have been multiple crashes at the intersection. Twenty-four (24) between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2023. Twenty-one (21) crashes were angle collisions. US 13 is a divided highway at this intersection with a crossing distance of 160 feet. For comparison, the intersection of US 13 and MD 364 (2.3 miles north of MD 366) has a crossing distance of 120 feet and it is signalized. In addition, US 13 & MD 366 is located on a horizontal curve and there is a grade change when approaching the intersection westbound which creates sight distance issues. Lastly, there is a need for the State to help support economic development in Pocomoke which can be accomplished by widening the intersection. Expanded shoulder width and dedicated right turn lanes will encourage new business construction and development in this economically challenged area, including the creation of needed new jobs.

SIGNALIZE THE INTERSECTION AT US 50 & MD 610

Worcester County is requesting MDOT upgrade the intersection of US 50 and MD 610 to a full traffic signal similar to what was recently completed at the intersection of US 50 and Sixty Foot Road in Wicomico County. US 50 and MD 610 is a highly traveled intersection which has experienced numerous crashes over the years. Several years ago, the intersection received lane marking revisions to enhance northbound traffic's line-of-sight as it crosses westbound US 50. Despite the revisions, crashes continue to occur due to the sight distance issue and the high prevailing speed of US 50. MD 610 is a major north-south corridor, connecting US 50 to US 113 and is routinely used by both local commuters and tourists. In addition, there is a major campground on the southeast corner which acts as a traffic generator during tourist season.

CONSTRUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ON US 113 NEAR CORKERS CREEK

The corridor of US 113 near Corker's Creek has several crashes between January 1, 2019 and November 30, 2022, including 1 fatal crash. The prevailing crash patterns are night time crashes where vehicles have left the road. Worcester County is requesting the installation of guard rail and roadway lighting through the corridor to address the safety concerns of residents in the area.

ELIMINATE FLOODING ON MD 12 NORTH OF SNOW HILL

MD 12 north of Snow Hill floods even during moderate rain events. High water signs have been installed and are left in place year round. The road is lower than surrounding properties and there are no drainage structures to relieve flooding. MD 12 is a designated evacuation route that is impassible during large storms (when the route is needed the most) due to the flooding. The road needs to be raised with drainage structures added to keep the road passable and clear during storm events.

CONSTRUCT DEDICATED RIGHT TURN LANE ON SOUTH BOUND ST. MARTINS NECK ROAD AT MD 90

Thanks to GPS apps like Google and Waze, more and more out of town traffic is being directed down St. Martin's Neck Road as a way to bypass traffic slowdowns on US 113 and MD 90. During tourist season traffic backs up as people wait to make left turns off of south bound St. Martin's Neck Road onto east bound MD 90. Currently there is only one south bound lane at the intersection. Local residents wanting to turn right onto west bound MD 90 must wait in long queues. A south bound right turn lane needs to be constructed to better facilitate traffic wanting to head west bound on MD 90.

DEVELOP AN ACCESS MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MD 611 CORRIDOR

Residential and commercial development on MD 611 is increasing. There is concern that if the growth continues, traffic congestion will become similar to what is currently experienced on MD 589. An access management plan needs to be developed for the corridor in order to provide a consistent and clearly understood approach as to the placement of access points, traffic signals, access roads, lane designations, pedestrian & bicycle amenities, and right-of-way needs. Future residential & commercial businesses can then reference and use the plan when developing the layout of their developments.

CONSTRUCT SHARED USE PATH ON MD 611 FROM US 50 TO ASSATEAGUE PARK

The recent completion of the shared use path on US 50 in West Ocean City has been received and used by the public with great success. Worcester County is requesting SHA begin planning for an extension of the existing path to connect the West Ocean City area to Assateague State Park. With the volume of traffic on MD 611, the numerous traffic generating destinations along the corridor, and MDOT's goal of promoting multimodal travel, extension of the path to one of the largest traffic and tourist generating destinations in Worcester County is a logical project. A phased approach for design and construction could be used to make the project more financially feasible similar to the approach used for the shared use path on MD 413 in Somerset County.

UPDATE THE BATHROOMS AT THE MARYLAND STATE LINE - US13 - POCOMOKE WELCOME CENTER

MDOT is responsible for the Maryland State Line welcome center on US 13 in Pocomoke. The facility and grounds have become outdated. As a visitor's first impression of Maryland and Worcester County, the facilities are in need of refreshing to improve the function and aesthetics. Worcester County recognizes the State has limited resources, therefore the County is requesting the State transfer the entire property to the County. Worcester's intention is to revitalize the facility and grounds and make them consistent with other County tourism and economic development venues.

ADDRESS FLOODING AT INTERSECTION OF US 113 AND JOHNSON NECK ROAD

This intersection is a low-lying roadway coupled with tidal influence from the Pocomoke River, water is prevented from draining during moderate/severe rainfall events which impacts all low-clearance vehicles trying to exit onto US 113. It's the County's understanding SHA was applying for a permit from MDE to clean out roadside ditch along US 113 N/B, south of Johnson Neck Road to allow some of the water to access adjacent creek to the south. To date, the ditch has not yet been cleaned out.

CLEAN AND PAINT THE HISTORIC POCOMOKE RIVER BRIDGE ON US 13 BUSINESS

The historic Pocomoke River Bridge on US 13 Business is the gateway to downtown Pocomoke and the first impress visitors and tourists see when entering the town. Over the years the bridge has become dirty and paint is beginning to peel off. The County and the City of Pocomoke request the bridge be cleaned and repainted to match the revitalization efforts taking place in the surrounding area.

Lastly, Worcester County has received the attached priority letters from Ocean City, Snow Hill, and Berlin which we are including in this submittal to MDOT.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. If you should require any additional information or you should have any questions or concerns with regards to these matters, please feel free to contact me or Weston Young, Chief Administrative Officer, at this office.

Sincerely,

Theodore J. Elder
President

cc: Weston Young, Chief Administrative Officer
Candace Savage, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dallas Baker, Director of Public Works
Jana Potvin, Deputy Director of Public Works
Jennifer Keener, Director of Development, Review, and Permitting
Janet T. Simpson, Mayor, Snow Hill
Zack Tyndall, Mayor, Berlin
Richard W. Meehan, Mayor, Ocean City
Mark Crampton, D-1 District Engineer, SHA
Senator Mary Beth Carozza
Delegate Wayne Hartman



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February 18, 2026

RE: Consolidated Transportation Program Request 2024

Mr. Dallas Baker
Director of Public Works
Worcester County
6113 Timmons Rd
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Dear Mr. Baker:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer input on Worcester County's Consolidated Transportation Program Priority letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation. Per previous years, Ocean City's highest priority remains the full dualization of Maryland Rt. 90 for its full length from Rt 50 to Rt 528 (Coastal Hwy). Not only has congestion on Rt 90 worsened over the years, but more frequent breakdowns of the aging Rt 50 drawbridge have placed additional stress on the Rt90 access. In addition, because Rt 90 is a two-lane highway with a barrier, even relatively minor accidents can close the entire highway in one or both directions. This has caused delays in emergency transport and left Ocean City without ambulances on occasion as all are tied up in traffic either transporting to the hospital or attempting to reenter Ocean City from the hospital. Rt 90 also functions as a primary evacuation route off the island.

Understanding that dualization for the entire length of RT90 is no longer being considered by the State Highway Administration, Ocean City does support the State Highway's proposed dualization from Rt 528 (Coastal Highway) to Rt 113 along with shoulder hardening from Rt 113 to Rt 50. We believe this will have a significant positive impact on traffic flow, emergency vehicle response times and evacuation times.

Ocean City's next priority is the replacement of the Rt 50 Drawbridge for the same reasons outlined in previous letters. The frequency of draw span malfunctions increases each year causing major traffic disruptions. When the draw span is operating properly, the delays caused by the regular half hour openings are the major source of congestion in the Ocean City downtown area. A new reliable draw bridge with a taller clearance would reduce the frequency of openings and help ease congestion on both sides of the bridge.

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Ocean City would ask that the State fund the formal Study and Design Phase for the “Table Top” intersection improvements for MD528 (Philadelphia Ave) at North Division Street, inclusive of a Grade Separation Wall to replace the current wooden bollards. From the standpoint of Flood Resiliency and Emergency Services, ingress and egress thru this specific intersection is of utmost importance during major storm/flooding events when access to the RT50 bridge is eliminated due to downtown flooding.

Ocean City fully supports all of Worcester County’s other requests in the 2025 letter. We particularly recognize the need to dualize Rt 589 given the growth along this corridor.

Thank you again for your consideration and cooperation in moving these important projects forward. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,



Terence J. McGean, PE
City Manager

cc: Mayor Richard W. Meehan
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MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF SNOW HILL

February 20, 2026

Mr. Dallas Baker, Jr., P.E.
Director of Public Works
Worcester County
6113 Timmons Road
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Dear Mr. Baker:

On behalf of the Mayor & Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland, we appreciate the opportunity to contribute our local priorities for inclusion in Worcester County's submission of needed projects to the Maryland Department of Transportation for the Consolidated Transportation Program for 2026. Our recommendations center around the following issues with some carry-over from last year and one new request:

- Route 12 Flooding & Drainage

The entrance to Snow Hill on State Route 12 has been historically challenged for generations by flood waters caused by a rising Pocomoke River due to weather and tidal events that cover the road, reaching depths that require road closure to all traffic. It is not unusual for flooding of the access to the bridge to cause lengthy delays or even closings of county schools and local businesses and, since Snow Hill is the County Seat, county services, such as the court system and other county agencies, as well. It has even been necessary, on occasion, for the Town of Snow Hill emergency responders to re-locate equipment to the western side of the bridge to be able to respond to needs in that portion of their service area. We realize the solution to this problem will be comprehensive and expensive but we must continue to encourage the State to make this a priority for public safety and to address further deterioration of the road structure.

- Market Street/Byrd Park Flooding

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Telephone: 410-632-2080 * Fax: 410-632-2858

The Town also continues to experience serious flooding of Market Street at intersections in the area of Byrd Park and the Julia A. Purnell Museum. The overflows to the streets caused by the rise in water levels of the Pocomoke River cause safety concerns and challenges to property and health when heavy flooding occurs. We understand that the ultimate solution to this historic problem rests with a major effort of flood remediation at Byrd Park. However, we must acknowledge, as well, that the expense of fighting back the rising waters greatly exceeds the financial resources of this small community's budget.

We, therefore, would like to suggest that pooling our resources in a new State/Town partnership in Byrd Park would be an important first step to overcoming this on-going threat to life, property and infrastructure.

- Safe streets on State roads and highways
 - a. We again ask consideration by the State Highway Administration of new signage, painted crosswalks, speed bumps or humps in selected locations along roadways under their jurisdiction. We constantly receive questions and complaints from the public about pedestrian safety and speeding traffic along portions of Washington Street, Market Street, Church Street and others. The Town appreciates recent outreach by the State Highway Administration to coordinate action to address these issues and ask that SHA continue to build on that effort in collaboration with Town staff.
 - b. As cited in last year's letter, the new Dollar General Market at 503 South Church Street is open and doing very well. In conversation then with SHA, we learned that the posted speed limit did not qualify the street for additional lanes for acceleration and deceleration and so our concern for pedestrian safety remains, especially noting the proximity of Snow Hill High School. The Town of Snow Hill would ask that you give great consideration for signage, sidewalks, speed limits or even street adjustments that would improve the safety of our school children and those visiting the High School.
 - c. Finally, there has been much energy and enthusiasm generated in the past couple of years around new bikeways throughout our Town, designed to not only improve access to public facilities and resources by bikers and pedestrians alike but to promote an increase in economic development and business activity resulting from Snow Hill's growing popularity as a tourism destination location. The county

commissioners have endorsed a master Greenways strategy and the Town commissioned a master bikeways feasibility study that recommended a multi-phase approach to improving safe access for cycle enthusiasts and walkers, including a direct line of approach to the State Park at Shad Landing. Your active participation in supporting these efforts in those areas under your jurisdiction would give progress here a tremendous boost and we respectfully encourage your favorable consideration of this request.

- Signage along Route #113

U. S. Route #113 is a major north/south artery connecting the eastern portion of the Delmarva Peninsula from southern Worcester County to Kent County, Delaware. The dual-lane highway is a controlled, limited-access highway and subject to various rules and regulations pertaining to advertising and signage. The Town of Snow Hill has access to Route #113 at 4 primary intersections located at Business Route #113, MD Route #12, Public Landing Road and East Market Street with a fifth minor intersection at East Washington Street. With opportunities for advertising and promotion along the highway severely limited, we would ask for your support in providing reasonable accommodation to the Town at these few locations to present our community to tourists and passers-by who might be drawn to some of our unique attractions for shopping and visiting. Appropriately designed references to Historic Downtown Snow Hill, our beautiful waterfront parks and other locations of interest would be of tremendous benefit to our community without detracting from the nature of this scenic highway.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to share our thoughts with the Worcester County Commissioners and the State Department of Transportation. If we can provide any additional information or be of service to you going forward, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Janet T. Simpson
Mayor

Cc: Town Council



Mayor & Council of Berlin

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February 20, 2026

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Hon. Theodore "Ted" Elder
Worcester County Commissioners
1 Market Street, Room 1103
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

President Elder,

I am writing on behalf of the Mayor and Council, citizens, and business community within the Town of Berlin to respectfully ask the Worcester County Commissioners to add the following projects to their list of State Transportation Priorities for 2025. The following projects are critical to improving the safety of our community and are not listed based on prioritization of the requested project:

- PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACROSS RT. 113 at RT. 376 (BAY STREET)
 - The creation of RT. 113 divided the Town of Berlin. Residents who live west of RT. 113 have access to the town’s only grocery store, healthcare providers, Town Hall, and Worcester County library without having to cross a major highway. However, the residents who live east of RT. 113 lack safe access to these vital services. The intersection of RT 113. and RT. 376 is also perceived by residents as unsafe due to incidents from the past. Currently, this intersection is the only marked crosswalk along RT 113 in Berlin for residents to travel between neighborhoods. The Town of Berlin is requesting a pedestrian bridge to help improve pedestrian safety and increase interconnectivity between the neighborhoods and districts in town.
 - **2026 UPDATE: The Town of Berlin is currently working on Phase I of the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) planning grant through the Federal Highway Administration in partnership with the State Highway Administration. We have held two of the three public engagement sessions and will be working to compile the data from those meetings. This project also includes important community connections to the Town of Berlin’s planned Berlin Bikeway (also known as Rails and Trails) along with the Worcester County Greenways and Trails Master Plan.**

- TRAFFIC SIGNAL RT. 50 and RT. 818 (NORTH MAIN STREET)
 - The intersection of RT. 50 and RT. 818 (North Main Street) serves as one of the primary entrances to the Town of Berlin. Due to increased traffic along RT. 50 and growth in the area, the safety of this intersection is of concern for our community. The Town of Berlin requests the installation of a traffic light to improve safety for those who live, work in, and visit our town.
 - **2026 UPDATE: This project is in process with the State Highway Administration and the local MDOT District 1 office.**
- SIDEWALKS RT. 346 (OLD OCEAN CITY BOULEVARD) - FROM SUNLIGHT LANE TO RT. 818 (MAIN STREET) and FROM RT. 818 (MAIN STREET) TO RT. 377 (WILLIAM STREET)
 - The residents of Sunlight Lane currently do not have safe pedestrian access to Main Street. Residents are forced to walk on the roadway and share travel lanes with vehicular traffic.
 - **2026 UPDATE: The Town of Berlin has received substantial citizen feedback from the neighborhoods most directly impacted by this project. The citizen feedback, letters, and petitions have been shared with the local MDOT District 1 office. This project is in process with the State Highway Administration and the local MDOT District 1 office.**
- SIDEWALKS RT. 346 (OLD OCEAN CITY BOULEVARD) - FROM RT. 818 (MAIN STREET) TO RT. 377 (WILLIAM STREET)
 - The Town of Berlin has several new businesses opening along the Rt. 346 corridor between Main Street and William Street. Unfortunately, there are no sidewalks in place along this section of roadway. Pedestrians are forced to share the roadway with vehicular traffic. Recently, the Town of Berlin police department and the Berlin Fire Company responded to an accident along this section of Rt. 346 where a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle.
- IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND SAFETY AT INTERSECTION OF RT. 818 (NORTH MAIN STREET) AND RT. 346
 - Currently, the intersection of RT. 818 and RT. 346 is a four-way intersection with flashing lights. However, due to increased traffic at this intersection, confusion occurs and often creates unsafe conditions. The Town of Berlin would like to work towards a solution that improves traffic flow and safety at this intersection.
- CROSSWALKS – RT. 818, RT. 374, RT. 376, RT. 377, AND RT. 346
 - The Town of Berlin has completed an inventory of sidewalks along the State Highways within municipal limits where yellow ADA pads already exist. In an effort to improve pedestrian safety and walkability, the Town of Berlin would like to have crosswalks painted connecting the yellow ADA pads that are already installed.

ITEM 9

The Town of Berlin remains committed to working with the Maryland Department of Transportation to improve pedestrian safety along state highways within the town limits. We are prioritizing the addition of crosswalks along several state highways throughout the Town, including RT. 818, RT. 374, RT. 376, RT. 377, AND RT. 346. Many roadways already have ADA pads on the sidewalks, but lack painted crosswalks. Without painted crosswalks on the road, motorists do not give pedestrians the right of way, creating unsafe conditions for those on sidewalks.

The Town of Berlin greatly appreciates the Commissioner's consideration regarding the addition of these projects to the State Transportation Priorities in Worcester County for 2026.

Respectfully,

Mayor Zack

Mayor Zack Tyndall
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Worcester County Administration

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TO: Weston Young, Chief Administrative Officer
Candace Savage, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Shelby Mich, Grants and Contract Accountant
DATE: February 26, 2026
RE: CDBG Diakonia Special Projects Grant Re-Application

Attached for your review and approval is the FY26 CDBG Special Projects Grant Re-Application for Diakonia. The application submitted in the competitive round in October 2025 was not successful. Worcester County was invited to submit a special application that reflects a narrower scope of work.

Attachments

CDBG Application Letter

CDBG Conditional Release of Funds Letter

CDBG Special Projects Application



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December 22, 2025

The Honorable Theodore J. Elder
President
Office of the County Commissioners
Worcester County Government Center
One W. Market Street, Room 1103
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863-1195

Dear President Elder:

Thank you for your recent application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for State Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant Program funds. We received 14 applications from 13 jurisdictions totaling \$7,467,046. Unfortunately, the application submitted by the County for the Diakonia Homeless Complex was not approved.

As you know, a competitive rating and ranking system is used by the Department to select projects that meet the federal and State criteria established for the Community Development Block Grant program. Projects were evaluated based on public purpose and need, impact, project management, readiness to proceed, local commitment and leveraging.

We recognize the staff time invested in preparing the application and appreciate your efforts to strengthen your community. Program staff would be pleased to meet with you to discuss ways to enhance your application, should you choose to reapply, or to discuss other possible resources.

Please contact Dona Sorce, Assistant Director, Community Development Programs, at (301) 429-7502 with any questions or to coordinate a meeting, should you wish to discuss the project further.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Carol Gilbert

Assistant Secretary
Neighborhood Revitalization

cc: Lynn Wright, County
Dona Sorce, CDBG





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December 31, 2025

The Honorable Theodore J. Elder, President
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Worcester County Government Center
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Snow Hill, Maryland 21863-1195

Re: Release of Funds
Maryland Community Development Block Grant Funds
Conditional Release of Funds
Proposed Diakonia Housing Development Project

Dear President Elder:

The Maryland CDBG Program has received the Environmental Review Record for the above referenced project. The record has been reviewed and was found to be in compliance with the applicable environmental standards.

While the competitive application for this project was not approved, the CDBG Program has approved the County to submit a Special application that will reflect a narrower scope of work and applicable budget. The Release of Funds is pending approval of the 2026 CDBG Special Application. Any activity performed at the proposed site, prior to review and approval of the County's funding application, is done at the County's risk and may result in the State's inability to fund the project.

If you would like to discuss this further I can be reached at you must contact me at (301) 429-7502.

Sincerely,

Dona Sorce

Dona Sorce
Assistant Director
Office of Community Programs

cc: Lynn Wright
Cynthia Black



STATE OF MARYLAND CDBG PROGRAM

**SFY 2026
APPLICATION**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
SPECIAL PROJECTS**



Maryland

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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MARYLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION SFY 2026	
1. Name of Jurisdiction: Worcester County	2. County (Municipal applicants only): Worcester County
3. Address: 1 West Market Street, Room 1103 Snow Hill, MD 21863	4. Name of Subrecipient or Business, if applicable, and their Unique Entity Number: Diakonia 52-1381317
5. FID Number: 52-6001064 Unique Entity Number: KEA9KRV8GPG3	6. Name, phone number, and email of jurisdiction's contact person for this application: Shelby Mich 410-632-1194 slmich@worcestermd.gov
7. Project title, brief description & location (Full street address(es) and zip code of Project is required): Diakonia Supportive Living Campus – Phase I The Supportive Living Campus will establish critical infrastructure to consolidate homeless services, expand food access, and strengthen stability for individuals and families at or below 51% AMI. This initial phase includes two service-focused buildings, creating a foundation for long-term stability and improved outcomes for CDBG-eligible populations. This project will be located at 9601 Stephen Decatur Highway, Ocean City, MD 21811 . This is adjacent to Diakonia's emergency shelter. This location is accessible by public transportation and employment centers.	
8. Project type: <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Development <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services	9. National objective(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low and moderate-income benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination of slum/blight
10. CDBG request: \$ <u>\$800,000</u> Local funds \$ <u>\$3,000,000</u> Other funds \$ <u>\$900,000</u> Total costs \$ <u>\$4,700,000</u>	11. U.S. Congressional District No.1 State District No. 38 (List State legislators for entire district): Senator Mary Beth Carozza Delegates: Kevin Anderson, Barry Beauchamp, Wayne Hartman
12. Date Public Hearing held: 10/7/25 (Attach minutes and hearing notice to application)	13. Required Resolution attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14. Is Citizens Participation Plan current? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Dated: 6/7/22 If not, did you attach new plan? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
15. Is Anti-Displacement Plan current? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Dated: 5/19/25 If not, did you attach new plan? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
16. If applicable, did you complete Debarment Check on application subrecipient or business? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No N/A	
17. Digital Photos and Drive included? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (each must be labeled)	18. Date: 1/20/26

PART A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Describe the proposed project in detail. Include location and specific activities to be undertaken.

Diakonia, Inc., the leading provider of homeless solutions on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore for over 50 years, proposes **Phase I of the Supportive Living Campus** to consolidate homeless services, expand food access, and improve stability for low-income residents. This phase focuses solely on infrastructure that supports service delivery for individuals and families at or below 51% of Area Median Income (AMI), including Veterans and seniors.

The project is located at **9601 Stephen Decatur Highway, Ocean City, MD**, adjacent to Diakonia's emergency shelter and accessible to public transportation and employment centers.

Worcester County is requesting CDBG Special Projects funding for Phase I.

Phase I involves the construction of two buildings, each benefiting CDBG-eligible populations:

Building One – Homeless & Veterans Support Center

This facility will serve as a central hub for homeless individuals, families, and Veterans. Services provided in this building will include:

- Coordinated Entry and intensive case management
- Veterans-specific homeless services, including HUD-VASH coordination
- Mental health and substance use referrals
- Employment and healthcare navigation
- Housing search assistance and landlord mediation
- Mobile outreach operations for unsheltered individuals

This building will also contain program operations and administrative space essential to service delivery and compliance, including:

- HMIS data entry and reporting required by HUD and DHCD
- Supervision of case management and outreach staff
- Financial accountability and grant compliance for federally funded programs
- Secure recordkeeping for income verification and service documentation
- Interagency coordination and required staff training
- This space is not general administrative overhead; it is required infrastructure that enables Diakonia to deliver and document CDBG-eligible services to LMI households.

Building Two – Expanded Community Food Pantry (50%)

Half of this building will expand Diakonia's Community Food Pantry, which is projected to serve over 15,000 low-income residents annually.

Activities include:

- Increasing emergency food distribution capacity.
- Supporting mobile food outreach in underserved areas.
- Implementing a client-choice pantry model.
- Providing on-site SNAP outreach and enrollment.
- Expanding storage for bulk and fresh foods.
- Offering nutrition and food budgeting education.

(Note: The remaining 50% of this building will house a community thrift store that supports workforce readiness, clothing assistance, and household stabilization for homeless individuals and Veterans transitioning to housing. It is not included in this CDBG request.)

PART B

PROJECT NEED/IMPACT: Describe the need for the proposed project. Include statistics and other documentation supporting the described need. Discuss how the project will make an impact on the described need? If existing infrastructure or facility, discuss past maintenance and improvements undertaken or deferred.

Phase I of the Supportive Living Campus aligns with the Maryland CDBG Program by offering benefits to low-and moderate-income individuals, improving living conditions, and boosting community stability. The project targets priorities such as housing instability and food insecurity, with dedicated reporting to ensure compliance. By integrating homeless services and expanding food access, it supports community strength and enhances the quality of life for vulnerable populations.

Housing instability and homelessness remain issues in Worcester County, especially for households earning below 51% of the AMI. Coastal demand, seasonal work, and rising rents make finding housing difficult. Fair Market Rents are below market rates, and Maryland has only 36 affordable rental homes per 100 low-income households.

Median rents are around \$1,200, but rents in coastal areas range from \$1,800 to \$2,500. Emergency shelters are full year-round, with clients staying longer due to limited options. The FMR for a two-bedroom in Worcester is \$1,276, and higher-priced units are often ineligible for aid, risking clients losing assistance when employed.

Food insecurity is also rising. Worcester ranks among the top areas on the Eastern Shore for food insecurity, with 1 in 8 residents going hungry. In 2025, Diakonia's Food Pantry served over 12,000 low-income individuals, more than doubling its outreach from 2024. Assistance helps households pay for rent and utilities, supporting housing stability. Diakonia plans to shift from a pre-packed food box to a shopping model, restoring dignity and giving clients choice. Clients may volunteer to contribute, fostering engagement.

Over the past five years, Diakonia's Shelter has provided safe housing for 894 people, including 108 Veterans. **The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)** program has assisted 274 Veteran households over the past five years, serving not only Veterans but also their spouses and children.

- **Yearly Breakdown:**
 - 2020 – COVID ERAP: 783
 - 2021 – COVID ERAP: 515
 - 2022 – ESG-CV: 223
 - 2023 – Half-Year COVID: 207
 - 2024 – Post-COVID: 79

Rapid Rehousing & Prevention (Non-Veteran) has housed 375 families and assisted 1,432 individuals with eviction prevention funding over the last five years. **Diakonia's Outreach Program** began in April 2023 and served 99 individuals. In 2024, with part-time staffing, 166 individuals were served. 2025 marked the first year of full-time funding; through July, 247 unduplicated homeless individuals were served, of whom 117 engaged in a service plan.

Phase I of the Supportive Living Campus will:

- Expand food access for 15,000+ low-income residents annually
- Improve service coordination for 500+ homeless individuals each year
- Strengthen homelessness interventions for Veterans
- Reduce emergency shelter bottlenecks
- Improve efficiency, compliance, and accountability in LMI service delivery

Worcester County respectfully requests CDBG Special Projects funding for Phase I.

PART B WORKSHEET

NOTE: First time applicants must provide a copy of the most recent audit and copy of the most recent single audit.

1. As CDBG funds are “Gap” financing, did you pursue *appropriate* other funds from state, federal agencies and/or private sources? What other funding sources did you pursue for this project? What is the status of those requests?

Diakonia is exploring other avenues of funding, including:

- Naming rights and private sponsorships
- Carozza Grant
- Harman Grant
- Community Investment Tax Credits
- MAHT Grant
- Congressional Earmarks
- USDA Grant
- Shelter and Transportation Housing Grant
- Direct Mail Fundraising
- Legacy Brick Fundraising

Please see the attached spreadsheet for a list of anticipated funding sources for Phase I of the project.

2. Please provide copies of award and rejection letters.

Attached

3. Will your project require payment from beneficiaries including, but not limited to: Rent, fees for services, fees for participation, and utility charges? No

- If yes, what is the estimated monthly cost?
- Is the cost per person or household?
- If this project improves existing facilities, housing or utilities, is the estimated cost higher than the current amount? _____
- If yes, what is the % increase? _____

Discuss how new or increased costs were determined:

N/A, Phase I of the Supportive Living Campus does not include residential housing or fee-based services.

Discuss how grantee or subrecipient determined that charges are affordable to beneficiaries:

N/A, No fees, rent, or utility charges will be assessed to individuals receiving services through Phase I

PART C

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT: Describe community involvement with developing this project and application. Attach current letters of support for this project and the CDBG funding. *NOTE: This activity is separate from the public hearing(s).*

Diakonia has been dedicated to bringing this project to life. They have held internal meetings and organized major fundraising events. The Capital Campaign Committee has started reaching out to key donors, resulting in commitments of \$130,000 for naming rights, for example.

An additional \$72,000 has already been given through the CITC tax credit program, and \$7,600 in online donations have been made towards the project, without the major publicity campaign that is still coming.

The support letters are attached.

PART D

LOCAL PLANNING/GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Answer the following questions:

- 1. Describe how the proposed project conforms to revitalization strategies, marketing studies, economic development strategies, capital improvement plans, housing study, a comprehensive plan or other community plan. Do *not* submit copies of the entire plan(s), but reference the name and date of the plan, the section and the page. You should ATTACH a copy of the REFERENCED portion which specifically mentions your project.**
- 2. For economic development projects discuss any feasibility studies, economic conditions survey, financial analysis, economic impact assessment or market analysis completed in relation to the proposed activity. Provide the dates those items were completed and information on who prepared them.**
- 3. Is your project located in a Priority Funding Area? ____ Yes X No**

ATTACH MAP(S) OF PROJECT AREA

List Census Tract(s) and Block Groups for all projects:

1. Worcester County is in the process of updating its housing study and comprehensive plan.

This project is part of a larger supportive living campus that will ultimately include housing in future phases. Phase I establishes the service and food-access infrastructure necessary to support long-term housing stability.

The plan contains several pages dedicated to discussing homelessness and highlighting Diakonia's efforts to serve the community.

(See attached: Pages 22 & 23. The full draft housing chapter is available at

https://www.co.worcester.md.us/sites/default/files/departments/drp/comp_attachments/5.%20Housing%20December%202025%20cleanv2.pdf)

2. N/A
3. No

See the attached map of the project area: Census Tract 9517, Block 1026.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:

1. Using the attached “National Objective” chart, determine which national objective will be met by the proposed project.
2. Next, fill out the appropriate worksheet (A, B, C, D or E). Insert that page behind this one in your application.
3. In the space below, describe in narrative form how the project will meet at least ONE of the national objectives.

1. Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Persons:

Area Benefit (LMA) % Determined by survey or census (Attach Survey Approval Ltr)

Housing (LMH) Single Family Multi-Family

Financial Assistance

Water and Sewer Connections

Limited Clientele (LMC) Presumed

51% of clientele are persons whose family is LMI

Nature and location conclude area is primarily LMI

Removal of architectural barriers

Jobs (LMJ) Job Creation

Job Retention

Total estimated # of beneficiaries 10,000/year CDBG \$ per beneficiary \$80

Total estimated # of LMI beneficiaries 10,000/year CDBG \$ per LMI beneficiary \$80

% of LMI beneficiaries to total 100%

2. Elimination of Slum and Blight: Area Basis Spot Basis

3. Narrative to follow on next page

Meeting the CDBG National Objective to Benefit Low- and Moderate-Income Persons –

The Diakonia, Inc. Supportive Living Campus Phase I project fulfills the CDBG Low/Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) national objective by helping individuals and families who are presumed or verified to be low- and moderate-income under HUD rules. Diakonia assists over 500 homeless individuals each year, including Veterans, seniors, and families, all presumed LMI because of homelessness or income-verified during intake. Phase I involves building a Homeless and Veterans Support Center that will offer coordinated entry, intensive case management, housing search help, HUD-VASH coordination, outreach to unsheltered individuals, and referrals for mental health, substance use, healthcare, and employment services. These services are not available to the general public and are provided solely to CDBG-eligible populations.

Phase I also features an expansion of Diakonia's Community Food Pantry, serving households that are income-verified or presumed LMI due to housing instability or homelessness. The expanded pantry is expected to assist more than 15,000 low-income residents annually and will boost emergency food distribution, mobile outreach, SNAP enrollment help, and access to fresh and bulk foods. Food assistance is a vital intervention that helps prevent homelessness and supports housing stability by enabling households to allocate limited income toward rent and utilities. Together, the Homeless and Veterans Support Center and the expanded Food Pantry deliver direct, measurable benefits to low- and moderate-income individuals and clearly meet the CDBG LMC national objective.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE CHART				
Nat. Objective	Subcategory	Definition	Test	Examples
Low/Moderate Income Persons	Area Benefit (LMA)	Activity benefits all residents in an area where at least 51% of the residents are LMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Census - 51% of persons residing in the service area are LMI, determined by using the most recent data provided by State for cities or towns * Survey - applicant may do a survey of residents in the service area. The results must meet statistical reliability standards and be approved by DHCD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * water and sewer lines * neighborhood facilities * roadway improvements
Low/Moderate Income Persons	Limited Clientele (LMC)	Activity that benefits a limited number of people as long as at least 51% of those served are LMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity must qualify under one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Presumed Clientele - benefit to a group presumed to be principally LMI: abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, severely disabled adults, homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons living with AIDS and migrant workers; or * Require documentation on family size and income in order to show that at least 51% of the clientele are LMI; or * Be of such a nature and in such a location that it can be concluded that clients are primarily LMI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * construction of senior center * services for the homeless * meals on wheels for the elderly * construction of job training facilities for the disabled * construction of Head Start Center
Low/Moderate Income Persons	Housing Activities (LMH)	Activity that is undertaken for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures which, upon completion, will be occupied by LMI persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Structures with one unit must be occupied by LMI persons * If structure contains more than 1 unit, at least 51% must be LMI occupied * 2-unit structures must have at least one unit occupied by a LMI household * Rental buildings under common ownership and management located on the same or contiguous properties may be considered as a single structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing * conversion of non-residential structures into permanent housing * infrastructure for new housing
Slum/Blight	Area Basis (SMA)	Activity that aids in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight in a designated area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Delineated area in which the activity occurs must meet definition of slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorating area under state or local law; and * Substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating buildings or public improvements in the area, and the activity must address one or more of the conditions which contributed to the deterioration of the area; and * Documentation must be maintained by recipient on the boundaries of the area and the conditions that qualified the area at the time of its designation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * public facilities or improvements * elimination of safety hazards
Slum/Blight	Spot Basis (SBS)	Activity that eliminates specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a spot basis not located in a slum or blighted area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Only acquisition, clearance, relocation, historic preservation and building rehabilitation activities qualify for this national objective * Rehabilitation is limited to the extent necessary to eliminate a specific condition detrimental to public health and safety NOTE: Must demonstrate code enforcement actions taken by the local government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * elimination of damaged retaining wall creating danger for pedestrians * demolition of vacant, deteriorating building
Low/Moderate Income Persons	Jobs (LMJ)	Activity that results in the creation and/or retention of jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * At least 51% of jobs must be taken by LMI persons * At least 51% of jobs must be retained by LMI persons * Permanent, full-time jobs only * LMI status is determined by income of the family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * acquisition of land to construct a distribution center * extension of water and sewer service to land to be developed for a business(s) * acquisition of equipment

**Low/Moderate Income Benefit
Worksheet A
Area Basis (LMA)**

If you have determined that the proposed project will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income (LMI) persons through area benefit (LMA) activities, please fill out this form and attach it to Part E of your application.

1. **Estimated** Total Beneficiaries _____ (*Count by Persons*)
2. **Estimated** Total LMI Beneficiaries _____ (*Count by Persons*)
3. **FOR THOSE WITH AN APPROVED SURVEY ONLY** – Provide race and ethnicity data for persons in the service area. The following is required for Civil Rights reporting.

	RACE	Ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino)
Count for all estimated persons in the service area:		
a. Total White	_____	_____
b. Total Black or African American	_____	_____
c. Total Asian	_____	_____
d. Total American Indian or Alaska Native	_____	_____
e. Total Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	_____	_____
f. Total American Indian or Alaska Native and White	_____	_____
g. Total Asian & White	_____	_____
h. Total Black or African American & White	_____	_____
i. Total American Indian or Alaska Native & Black or African American	_____	_____
j. Other Multi-Racial	_____	_____
Total (number of all by <u>Race</u> must be the same as #1 above)	_____	_____

4. **Total** Number of Female-Headed Households _____
5. **Total** Number of Disabled _____
6. Describe the proposed accomplishments of the project:

**Low/Moderate Income Benefit
Worksheet B
Limited Clientele (LMC)**

If you have determined that the proposed project will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income (LMI) persons through limited clientele (LMC) activities, please fill out the following form and then attach it to Part E of your application.

1. **Estimated** Total Beneficiaries: 10,000 (*Count by Persons*)

2. **Estimated** Total LMI Beneficiaries: 10,000 (*Count by Persons*)

Your project will qualify using ONE of the three categories identified below. Select the most appropriate.

► If the project benefits a group *presumed* to be low and moderate income, please identify the group:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abused Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Persons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battered Spouses | <input type="checkbox"/> Illiterate Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Farm Workers | <input type="checkbox"/> Severely Disabled Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> Person Living with AIDS |

► If the project is of such a *nature* and in such a *location* that it can be concluded that the income of the persons benefitting are primarily low and moderate income, please explain why the nature and location demonstrate this:

N/A

► If the project requires information on family size and income, does the information demonstrate that at least 51% of the clientele served are persons from households whose income does not exceed the LMI income limits. The activity is restricted to the LMI persons. Please identify activities:

Yes. This project serves only low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, with 100% of participants meeting HUD LMI income limits, which exceeds the 51% requirement. All individuals and families served are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness and are presumed LMI under HUD guidelines. Activities restricted to LMI persons include coordinated entry, case management, outreach services, veteran services, housing search assistance, and food assistance.

► Describe the proposed accomplishments of the project:

The Diakonia Supportive Living Campus Phase I project will enhance access to essential services for low- and moderate-income individuals by creating a centralized Homeless and Veterans Support Center and increasing the capacity of the Community Food Pantry. The project aims to serve over 500 homeless individuals each year through coordinated entry, intensive case management, housing search support, HUD-VASH coordination for Veterans, and outreach to those without shelter. These services will improve

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coordination, lower barriers to housing, and promote long-term housing stability for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Additionally, the project will boost food access for more than 15,000 low-income residents annually through expanded emergency food distribution, mobile outreach, SNAP enrollment help, and access to fresh and bulk food storage. Reliable access to food alleviates financial stress on low-income households and helps prevent homelessness by enabling families to allocate their limited income to rent and utilities.

Collectively, these facilities will strengthen service delivery, improve outcomes for homeless Veterans and families, and provide direct, measurable benefits to low- and moderate-income populations, fulfilling the aim of the "CDBG Limited Clientele" national objective.

**Low/Moderate Income Benefit
Worksheet C
Housing (LMH)**

If you have determined that the proposed project will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income (LMI) by providing, constructing or improving permanent residential housing, please fill out this form and attach it to Part E of your application.

1. **Estimated** Total Beneficiaries *Count* _____ *Units AND* _____ *Persons*

2. For new construction, acquisition and/or renovation of rental units, how many units will be made available to rent?
_____ Of these, how many are to be occupied by LMI persons? _____

3. For new construction, acquisition and/or renovation of homeownership units, how many units will be made available to sell? _____ Of these, how many are to be occupied by LMI persons? _____

4. For housing rehabilitation, how many total units will be rehabilitated? _____

5. For housing rehabilitation, how many total units will receive emergency repairs? _____

6. If providing financial assistance to homebuyers, how many homebuyers will be assisted? _____

7. Will requested funds for new housing be targeted to an area of minority concentration or a specific geographical area? Y N If yes, provide specific explanation of why this area was targeted.

8. Will program income be generated by this activity? Y N
If yes, provide Re-Use Plan as an attachment to this application. Previously approved Re-Use Plans will not be accepted

**Slum/Blight
Worksheet D**

If you have determined that the proposed project will meet the national objective of the elimination of slum/blight, please fill out this form and attach it to Part E of your application.

Check One: Slum and Blight - Area Basis **OR** Slum and Blight - Spot Basis

1. Provide property address or boundaries of blighted area. ***This activity requires a street address(s)***

2. If the project addresses slum and blight on an area basis, does the area:

Have an official designation of blight by local government? No Yes

If yes, what is the date of designation? _____

Please provide a copy with your application.

Meet a definition of slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorated area under State or local law?

No Yes

Have a substantial percentage of deteriorated buildings? No Yes

What is the percentage? ___%

3. Does the activity address one or more of the blighting conditions? How?
Identify each type of improvement located within the area and its condition at the time the area was designated slum/blight.

4. Describe the proposed accomplishments of the project:

NOTE: If your project involves the acquisition of property as an activity to eliminate blight, than the national objective should address the intended use of the property.

Low/Moderate Income Benefit Worksheet E Jobs (LMJ)

If you have determined that the proposed project will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income (LMI) persons through job creation and/or retention activities, please fill out this form and attach it and all supporting documents to Part E of your application.

1. Will this project create new jobs? _____ Or will this project result in retention of existing jobs?

2. How many total jobs are estimated to be created? _____
Of those created, how many will be taken by LMI persons? _____
3. How many total jobs are estimated to be retained? _____
Of those jobs retained, how many are retained by LMI persons? _____

Taken By Standard

In cases where the businesses will demonstrate that at least 51% of the jobs created will be taken by LMI persons, in addition to information identified in the Policies and Procedures Manual, provide the following:

1. Provide a written commitment by the business that at least 51% of all the jobs created on a full time equivalent basis will be taken by LMI persons.
2. Provide a listing by job title of all employees at the time the application for assistance is submitted.
3. Provide a listing by job title of the permanent, full-time jobs to be created as a result of the CDBG assistance.
4. Provide evidence supporting the estimated number of jobs to be created.

Retention Standard

Retained jobs are those that would be permanently lost due to a business closing or relocating out of the area without CDBG financial assistance. In cases where the business will retain jobs that are held by persons that are at least 51% LMI, in addition to information identified in the Policies and Procedures Manual, provide the following:

1. Provide clear and objective evidence that, in the absence of the CDBG assistance, the jobs would be lost. This includes a notice provided to affected employees, a public announcement, or analysis of relevant financial records demonstrating the need for job cuts.

Worksheet E Continued

2. Provide a written commitment from the business that they will meet the standard for retained jobs involving the employment of LMI persons.

3. Provide a listing by job title of the full-time, permanent jobs to be retained as a result of the CDBG assistance.

Business Information

Please provide the following information on the business to be assisted. If more than one, please provide information for each.

1. Name of Business;
2. Ownership of Business;
3. Business Management;
4. Company History including start-up date, type of operation, progress and number of employees to date;
5. Current Location(s);
3. Product Line(s) or Service;
4. Discuss their market area(s) including geography, major customers and other Characteristics; and
5. Certificate of Good Standing from the State of Maryland if an existing business.

For projects which provide CDBG assistance as a financing measure to profit making businesses, discuss the need for financial assistance. Attach three years of historical financial statements and personal financial statement for principal owner(s) and a five year pro-forma. Explain the basis for requesting assistance (e.g., gap financing). Additional financial information may be requested.

PART F

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS: List each specific project activity separately (*please break down the costs as far as possible*). Type in the actual sources of other funding. Indicate whether funds are “L” for loan or “G” for grant. **INDICATE STATUS OF FUNDS** using “P” for pending, “C” for committed, “R” for received, “N” for no action. Attach commitment letters and cost estimates directly behind this page of the application. For administrative costs, indicate what portion of local contribution is cash and what portion is in-kind.

THE APPLICANT IS THE JURISDICTION. ALL PROJECTS MUST INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE APPLICANT.

ACTIVITY	SOURCES OF FUNDS					TOTALS BY ACTIVITY	STATUS
	CDBG:	APPLICANT	OTHER :	OTHER:	OTHER:		
Phase I Pre-Construction	83,000		500,000			583,000	G,P
Phase I Site Work	330,000		1,225,000	200,000	225,000	1,980,000	G,P
Phase I Construction	364,000		334,815	700,000	450,000	1,848,815	G,P
Phase I Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment					100,000	100,000	G,P
Phase I Contingency (5%)					165,185	168,185	G,P
	23,000					23,000	G,P
Project Admin. (In-Kind)							
General Admin. (Cash)							
General Admin. (In-Kind)							
TOTALS BY SOURCES OF FUNDS	\$800,000	\$	\$2,059,815	\$900,000	\$940,185	\$4,700,000	

PART G			
STAFFING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT: This section will discuss the capacity of the applicant to administer the project and how CDBG funds will be used for project administration costs. Project costs for engineering, architectural services and inspections are to be identified as separate line items in Part F.			
<p>1. Identify the primary person for the <i>jurisdiction</i> who will administer this project. Discuss their experience with CDBG regulations and requirements as well as past grant and project implementation.</p> <p>Shelby Mich will oversee this project. She joined Worcester County Government at the start of 2026 and has been training for the CDBG Program using resources available on the HUD Exchange website. She has experience working with other Maryland state offices, the VA, and various local government agencies, supporting nonprofits with reporting. She also offers over 7 years of experience working with grants from both the funder and grantee perspectives as a nonprofit accountant.</p>			
<p>2. Identify others who will assist in the administration of this CDBG project.</p> <p>Lynn Wright, Kim Reynolds, and Ed Welch will assist with this project.</p>			
<p>3. Amount of funds requested for Project Administration, if any: \$23,000</p>			
<p>4. If Project Administration funds requested for staffing, please identify the following:</p>			
Person	# Hours Anticipated to Work on Project	Hourly Wage & Fringe	Total Funds
Shelby Mich	221	\$52.36	\$11,571.56
Lynn Wright	96	\$69.23	\$6,646.08
Kim Reynolds	15	\$113.52	\$1,702.80
Ed Welch	15	\$70.91	\$1,063.65
<p>5. If planning to use Project Administration funds for other expenses other than staffing, identify those expenses and estimated costs.</p>			
Expenses		Estimated Costs	
Advertising		\$2,000	

PART H

PROJECT SCHEDULE: Using the anticipated month of grant award as the start of the activities, list all project activities and the anticipated dates for the start and end of specific activities. A CDBG grant agreement provides a 24-month implementation period so all activities to be paid for with CDBG funds must occur within this timeframe. If an activity is completed prior to application or award, indicate the actual dates.

EXAMPLE: For a Community Development application, CDBG funds are being requested for site acquisition and construction. The applicant provided the following schedule:

Activity	Begin	Completion
Grant Award	December 15, 2025	
Environmental Review	December 16, 2025	February 28, 2025
Preliminary Engineering	Completed	

NOTE: *An Environmental Review is the first step for every funded grant after award date*

	BEGIN	COMPLETION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
GRANT AWARD			Applicant
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW	7/18/2025	10/21/2025	Applicant
SITE ACQUISITION		ALREADY COMPLETE	
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING		ALREADY COMPLETE	
BIDDING & SELECTION CONSTRUCTION	MARCH 2026	MAY 2026	Applicant
CONSTRUCTION	JULY 2026	SEPT 2027	Applicant
MEETING 180 DAY EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENT	SEPT 2026		Subrecipient

PART I

DAVIS BACON / BUILD AMERICA BUY AMERICA:

1. Do Davis-Bacon wage rates apply to the project? Yes No

If yes, do cost estimates reflect the use of Davis-Bacon rates? Yes No

2. Discuss Davis-Bacon rates and their impact on the project.

Davis-Bacon rates are not expected to significantly increase overall project costs. Since local wage rates in Worcester County have risen considerably in recent years, particularly since COVID, they are generally in line with or close to the prevailing wage rates required under Davis-Bacon. As a result, the impact on the project budget is expected to be minimal.

3. Explain how you calculated the rates into your cost estimates.

The rates are not expected to have a significant affect on the budget. The estimates were made by consulting with several reputable builders.

4. Explain how you factored in Build America Buy America requirements for iron and steel and listed construction materials, if applicable.

Currently, there is no list of construction materials. This list will be derived by contractors during the bid process. Build America Buy America requirements will be followed for iron and steel construction materials.

PART J					
ACQUISITION / RELOCATION:					
1. Has site control been secured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain how:					
2. Has an option been secured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain how:					
3. Estimated cost of acquisition: \$			4. Sources of funds for acquisition:		
5. Number of parcels to be acquired: Residential: _____ Business _____			6. Will acquisition be done with eminent domain if needed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
7. Is acquisition of easements required? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, did applicant include costs associated with the Uniform Act? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
8. Has anyone been forced to move from the site within the three months prior to the initial application for funds? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown If yes, explain:					
9. Estimated cost of relocation: \$			10. Sources of funds for relocation:		
# Units in Property(s) _____	Number of Units Occupied at time of application		Number of Occupants to be Displaced	Number of Occupants to Remain	
	Owner	Tenant		Total	Temporarily Relocated
Residential					
Business					
10. Do the activities of this project trigger the one-for-one replacement housing requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, discuss how you plan to meet these requirements.					
11. If property is to be leased, describe lease terms.					

PART K

FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: Applicants certify that a grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with applicable federal fair housing and equal opportunity laws and regulations. Complete the following to show what steps have been taken by the jurisdiction in these areas in recent years.

1. Does the jurisdiction have written employment and personnel policies and practices with equal opportunity guidelines? Yes No
2. In the past three years, have any complaints of discrimination in employment been filed against the jurisdiction by employees regarding employment? Yes No If yes, please explain:

A Correctional Officer filed a discrimination lawsuit after he was not promoted to Sergeant. He received a "right to sue" letter in April 2025, but no lawsuit was filed. The case is closed.

3. Has the jurisdiction adopted a fair housing ordinance? Yes No
4. Has the jurisdiction taken any actions to affirmatively further fair housing through activities such as land development, zoning, site selection policies or programming or needs assessment? Yes No If yes, please describe:

Worcester County Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Plan is attached to the application.

5. Are there fair housing advocates or agencies that work in your county? If yes, who are they? Have they informed you of either public or private issues or complaints regarding discrimination?

Worcester County collaborates with non-profit organizations like Diakonia, Habitat for Humanity, and Ocean City Development Corporation (OCDC), as well as groups such as the Coastal Association of Realtors. These organizations are also providing feedback on our housing study. We are not aware of any formal complaints related to discrimination.

6. Are all buildings owned or occupied by the jurisdiction that are open to the public in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act? If not, which ones, and what are the plans to bring them into compliance?

The Isle of Wight building at 13070 St Martins Neck Rd, Bishopville, MD 21813, is currently in the design phase to ensure the facility complies.

PART L

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: Complete the following information related to your overall project to the best of your knowledge. Provide copies of letters or other information received to date from state and/or federal agencies about these issues related to your project. Schedule and budget should account for any mitigation or corrective actions to be taken.

7. Will your project involve the renovation of a building that is at least 50 years old or is located in a national historic register district? Yes No
8. Will your project involve or impact an archaeological site? Yes No
9. Will your project impact any wildlife that is threatened or endangered? Yes No
10. Will your project involve the abatement or removal of asbestos from a building?
 Yes No
11. Will your project involve the abatement or removal of lead-based paint from a building?
 Yes No
12. Is your project new construction? Yes No

If you answered YES, is the proposed project located in any of the following:

- Special Flood Hazard Area – an area that is lower than the base flood elevation level and has special flood or mudflow, and/or flood related erosion hazard
- 100 Year Floodplain – an area that has a 1 in 100 or 1% probability of a flood event occurring in a given year
- Regulatory Floodway – an area beside a river or other watercourse that has certain restrictions placed on it related to discharging moving floodwaters downstream
- Coastal High Hazard Area – an area along the coast subject to high velocity wave action from storms or seismic sources
- 500 Year Floodplain – an area that has a 1 in 500 or .02% probability of a flood event occurring in a given year
- Non-Special Flood Hazard Area – an area that has a moderate to low risk of flooding

Comments:

PART M

PROCUREMENT: All procurement must comply with the requirements and processes identified in the CDBG Financial and Procurement Manual.

REMINDER – For existing contractual agreements with an engineering firm, the applicant must be able to demonstrate that they hired the specific firm through a competitive process AND that the contract was for no more than a three year period with an option to extend twice for one year periods for a total of five years. Additionally, the contract must have identified all potential projects to be undertaken during the three to five year period including the one included in this application.

1. Will your project use CDBG funds for professional services? Yes No

If yes, is it for new services? Yes No

If yes, will services be under a new contract? Yes No

If no, please explain:

2. Will your project use CDBG funds for construction? Yes No

If yes, will construction be under a new contract(s)? Yes No

If no, is it for a change order? Yes No If the answer is yes, please contact CDBG staff to discuss further.

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

The applicant hereby assures and certifies that it:

1. has adopted and maintains a written Citizen Participation Plan in accordance with the citizen participation requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program at the Code of Federal Regulations 24 Part 570.486; and
2. held a public hearing and provided appropriate notice to ensure participation of citizens in the development the project and of this application for CDBG funding; and
3. assures that all reasonable steps have been taken to minimize the displacement of persons as a result of CDBG assisted activities identified in this application; and
4. in the event that our project does trigger displacement of persons, we will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49CFR Part 24 and it has in effect and is following a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan required under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. § 5304(d), as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG Program; and
5. will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than with CDBG funds. In addition, with respect to properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (but not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the State certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment; and
6. will conduct and administer grant in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations and agrees to take action to affirmatively further fair housing; and
7. has adopted and is enforcing or will adopt if a new applicants:
 - a) a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
 - b) a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
8. will certify, to the best of the certifying official's knowledge and belief, that:
 - a) no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a

Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; and

- b) if any funds other than Federal funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress with this Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, Disclosure Form to Report lobbying in accordance with its instructions; and

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- c) it will require that the language of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- 9. will adhere to federal and state Code of Conduct or Conflict of Interest standards relative to conflict of interest restrictions and financial disclosure requirements for local elected officials and candidates; and
- 10. will prevent fraud, waste and abuse of federal funds and ensure that funds are expended on activities that are reasonable and necessary;
- 11. will comply with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act which was included in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which was signed into law on November 15, 2021;
- 12. will comply with the requirements of the Right to Report Crime and Emergencies from One's Home which was included in the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022;
- 13. will comply with the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq., as amended, Title 24 CFR Part 570, and with other applicable State and Federal laws if awarded this grant; and
- 14. will ensure that, if applicable, any subrecipient, developer or business will comply with all regulations, policies and laws that govern this grant.

I declare that I am duly authorized to make these certifications on behalf of the applicant and certify that the above actions have or will be taken.

Typed Name and Title
Chief Elected Official

Signature

Date



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Weston S. Young, Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Jennifer K. Keener, AICP, Director
DATE: February 19, 2026
RE: Proposed Private Lane Name – Lewis Lane

Attached please find a memo from Kelly Henry, Technical Services Manager, relative to a request that was received for the naming of a currently unnamed private lane/ access easement which serves three or more existing buildable lots and structures off of Langmaid Road in Newark. The property owners are proposing to name the private lane “Lewis Lane”. We are requesting your approval of the private road name so that we may assign the addresses to the properties along this lane, including the proposed new home currently under review for permitting.

If approved, I have taken the liberty of drafting a resolution to that effect which is attached. An electronic copy will be sent to your office as well. As always, I will be available to discuss this matter with you and the County Commissioners at your convenience.

Attachment

cc: Roscoe Leslie, County Attorney
Chris Shaffer, Director, Dept. of Emergency Services
Kevin Lynch, County Roads Superintendent, DPW
Kelly Henry, Technical Services Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 25-___

RESOLUTION NAMING A PRIVATE LANE
OFF OF LANGMAID ROAD
IN NEWARK AS
LEWIS LANE

WHEREAS, the Worcester County Commissioners have adopted an Inventory of Public Roads of Worcester County in accordance with § PW 1-202 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of § PS 6-101(e) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland, the Worcester County Commissioners are to name all private lanes which have three or more buildable lots or three or more inhabitable structures, including houses, mobile homes, businesses or other structures, selecting a name which is not the same or similar to another private lane or a public road listed in the Inventory of Public Roads of Worcester County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have received a request to name a private lane off of Langmaid Road in Newark which has a pending permit application for a new dwelling and is the third inhabitable structure on this previously unnamed lane; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has suggested that Lewis Lane is an appropriate name which is not the same or similar to another private lane name or public road name in the Inventory of Public Roads of Worcester County, Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The private lane located on the easterly side of Langmaid Road in Newark in the Tenth Tax District of Worcester County, Maryland as shown on Worcester County Tax Map 49, Parcel 141, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 is hereby named **Lewis Lane**, for which a sign will be erected by the Roads Division of the Worcester County Department of Public Works.

Section 2. Executed this ___ day of ___, 2025. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.



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TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

To: Jennifer K. Keener; Director
From: Kelly L. Henry, Technical Services Division Manager
Date: February 13, 2026
RE: Public Safety Article – Uniform Property Numbering System
Naming of A Private Lane

In early February, the Department received a building permit application for the third (3rd) dwelling on a private lane off Langmaid Road. The site plan indicates that the existing private lane will be a shared access easement for Lots 1-4 on Parcel 141, Tax Map 49. There are two (2) existing dwellings on Lots 2 and 4. The properties are owned by Brian Lewis, Stephanie Trimper Lewis and Adam Lewis. In accordance with the County’s Uniform Property Numbering System “All private lanes which have three or more inhabitable structures, including houses, mobile homes, businesses or other structures, or three or more buildable lots will be named by the County Commissioners. A sign will be erected which is compatible with the public road signs currently in use by the Department of Public Works - Roads Division but of a contrasting color. It will be the responsibility of the Department of Public Works - Roads Division to erect said sign according to its specifications. Any buildings using the private lane must be readdressed using the newly named private lane. All costs associated with these provisions shall be the sole responsibility of the affected property owners.”

The Lewis family has submitted four (4) names for consideration in order of preference: Lewis Lane, Llama Lane, Fox Den Lane and Carousel Lane. None of the names are duplicate. There is Lewis Road and Fox Run in the Berlin Fire District. The property is in the Newark Fire District. Based on the property owner’s preference I recommend Lewis Lane. Emergency Services concurred.

Attachments

Cc: Christopher Shaffer, Emergency Services Director
Bill Lewis, Stephanie Trimper Lewis and Adam Lewis



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John W. Birch, Jr., Director
James Hamilton, Deputy Director

received 2/12/26 [Signature]

PRIVATE ROAD NAME APPLICATION

We, Brian Lewis & Stephanie Trimper Lewis and Adam Lewis, are applying to the Worcester County Commissioners for a request to name a private road all are on Tax Map 49, Parcel 141.

Table with 4 columns: Lot, SDAT Account ID No., Existing Address, Property Owner. Rows 1-4 listing property details.

Circle one: New Lane Name or Change Existing Road Name

List below a minimum of three road name proposals to be considered. If this is an application for a new road, please place N/A in the "Existing Name" box.

Table with 2 columns: Existing Road Name, Proposed Road Name. Includes handwritten proposals: Lewis Lane, Llama Lane, Fox Den Lane, Carousel Lane.

Pursuant to Section PS 6-101(e) of the County Code a private lane serving 3 or more habitable structures or lots is to be designated with a name approved by the Department of Emergency Services and adopted by the County Commissioners.

We also understand that address numbers must be posted at the entrance to the private lane to be visible from the public road in both directions by emergency personnel.

Signed: [Signatures] Date: 2-12-26, 2/12/26, 2/12/26

Each property owner on the requested private lane must complete a form.

Please return this form to: Department of Development Review & Permitting - Kelly Henry, Technical Services Division Manager - khenry@co.worcester.md.us - Worcester Government Center - 1 West Market Street - Snow Hill, Maryland 21863 - 410-632-1200, extension 1130



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Brian Lewis
Stephanie Trimper Lewis
Adam Lewis
8525 Langmaid Road
Newark, Maryland 21841

RE: Address Assignment – Lots 1-4

Dear Lewis Family:

The Department is in receipt of a building permit application for the construction of a dwelling on Lot 1. According to the site plan / survey submitted with the application, Lot 1 plans to use the existing lane off Langmaid Road currently utilized by Lots 2 and 4. The 2024 aerials show addressed improvements on Lots 2 and 4: 8525 and 8527 Langmaid Road, respectively. The same site plan indicates that Lot 3 will also share this same lane to access the public road.

The Uniform Property Numbering System in the County's Public Safety Article requires "All private lanes which have three or more inhabitable structures, including houses, mobile homes, businesses or other structures, or three or more buildable lots will be named by the County Commissioners. A sign will be erected which is compatible with the public road signs currently in use by the Department of Public Works - Roads Division but of a contrasting color. It will be the responsibility of the Department of Public Works - Roads Division to erect said sign according to its specifications. Any buildings using the private lane must be readdressed using the newly named private lane. All costs associated with these provisions shall be the sole responsibility of the affected property owners."

As property owners you can submit names for the private lane for consideration. I would suggest that you submit a list of names which are agreeable by the entire group. I will compare the suggested road names with existing road names throughout the County to ensure that there is no conflict or duplication. Please keep in mind the road type will be "Lane". The names will be forwarded to the County Commissioner's for final approval. Once approved, the County Roads Division will install and post a road sign at the intersection of the lane with Langmaid Road. The County will assign new street numbers and provide you with written confirmation of said change. The County will notify the United States Postal Service, State Department of Assessment and Taxation, Verizon, Comcast and Mediacom of the change in address. However, it will be the responsibility of each property owner to notify personal utility and security companies, correspondents, etc.

I have enclosed a modified Private Road Name Application form since the same individuals own the lots. The owner information was taken directly from State Department of Assessment and Taxation records. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

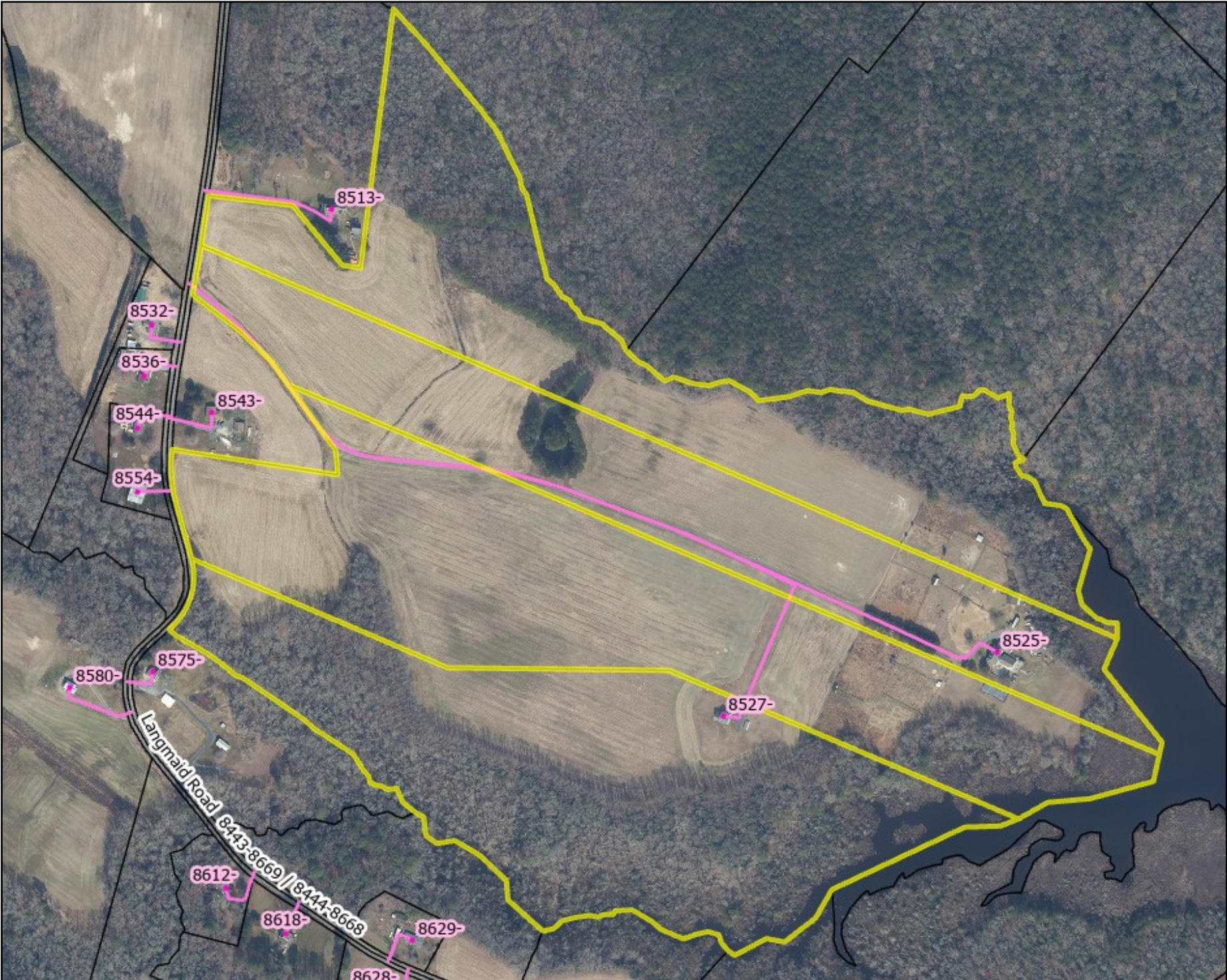
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly L. Henry".

Kelly L. Henry
Technical Services Division Manager

Attachments

Cc: Christopher Shaffer, Director of Emergency Services Department
Jennifer K. Keener, Director of Development Review and Permitting
Cathy Zirkle, Customer Service Division Manager





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We also understand that address numbers must be posted at the entrance to the private lane to be visible from the public road in both directions by emergency personnel. In some cases, street numbers may need to be posted at individual driveway entrances off the private lane.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Worcester County Commissioners
FROM: Charlene Sharpe, Legislative Analyst
DATE: March 3, 2026
RE: Proposed Legislation and CDS Applications

We are seeking approval to weigh in on a few bills in the coming weeks as well as approval to have the lobbyists apply for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funds from our federal representatives.

As far as legislation:

Ocean Downs Casino has asked us to submit opposition to two bills related to internet gaming. Senate Bill 885 would authorize internet gaming and online bingo in the state. Senate Bill 761 would authorize internet gaming to help fund public education.

We'd also like to submit testimony in support of House Bill 1605. This bill would repeal the requirement that counties pay 50% of the amount of compensation awarded to wrongly convicted individuals.

As far as CDS applications:

We are seeking approval for R & R Solutions to submit applications for Congressionally Directed Spending funds for a few projects in our CIP. The first is the Pocomoke Health Department and 50 Plus Center Replacement and the second is a combination project that would involve the replacement of the force main from N to L in Ocean Pines as well as the River Run sewer connection to Ocean Pines.

SENATE BILL 885

C7

6lr2663
CF 6lr3655

By: Senator Watson

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Internet Gaming and Online Bingo – Authorization and Implementation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue
 4 certain licenses to certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain
 5 Internet gaming and online bingo operations in the State; requiring the Commission
 6 to regulate Internet gaming and online bingo and the conduct of Internet gaming
 7 and online bingo in the State; authorizing the Governor, on recommendation of the
 8 Commission, to enter into certain multijurisdictional Internet gaming agreements
 9 with certain other governments, subject to certain limitations; providing that certain
 10 payments to certain former video lottery facility employees may not be subtracted
 11 from the calculation of a certain benefit; establishing the Video Lottery Facility
 12 Employee Displacement Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; submitting this Act to
 13 a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; and generally relating to Internet
 14 gaming and online bingo.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 16 Article – Economic Development
 17 Section 5–1501(b)
 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
 19 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 21 Article – Economic Development
 22 Section 5–1501(c)(1)
 23 Annotated Code of Maryland
 24 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 26 Article – Education
 27 Section 5–206(b)
 28 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 3 Article – Education
 4 Section 5–206(f) and 5–235(a)
 5 Annotated Code of Maryland
 6 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 8 Article – Labor and Employment
 9 Section 8–803(d)
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
 11 (2025 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 13 Article – State Government
 14 Section 9–1A–28(a) and 9–1A–29(a)
 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
 16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 18 Article – State Government
 19 Section 9–1A–28(b)(1) and 9–1A–29(b)(1)
 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
 21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 BY adding to
 23 Article – State Government
 24 Section 9–1F–01 through 9–1F–13 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 1F. Internet
 25 Gaming and Online Bingo”
 26 Annotated Code of Maryland
 27 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

28 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 29 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

30 **Article – Economic Development**

31 5–1501.

32 (b) There is a Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account under the
 33 authority of the Department.

34 (c) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under [§ 9–1A–27] §§
 35 **9–1A–27 AND 9–1F–05** of the State Government Article.

36 **Article – Education**

1 5–206.

2 (b) There is the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund.

3 (f) The Fund consists of:

4 (1) Revenue distributed to the Fund under Title 9, Subtitles 1D [and 1E]
5 **THROUGH 1F** of the State Government Article and §§ 2–4A–02, 2–605.1, and 2–1303 of
6 the Tax – General Article;

7 (2) Money appropriated in the State budget for the Fund;

8 (3) Interest earned by the Academic Excellence Fund established under §
9 6–1105 of this article; and

10 (4) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the
11 Fund.

12 5–235.

13 (a) (1) (i) Subject to **PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND**
14 subsection (o) of this section and beginning in fiscal year 2023, the county governing body
15 shall levy and appropriate an annual tax sufficient to provide an amount of revenue for
16 elementary and secondary public education purposes equal to the local share of major
17 education aid as adjusted under § 5–239 of this subtitle.

18 (ii) For the purposes of calculating the local share of major education
19 aid and regardless of the source of the funds, all funds that a county board, including the
20 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, is authorized to expend for schools may be
21 considered as levied by the county council, board of county commissioners, or the Mayor
22 and City Council of Baltimore except for:

23 1. State appropriations;

24 2. Federal education aid payments; and

25 3. The amount of the expenditure authorized for debt service
26 and capital outlay.

27 (2) Subject to **PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND** subsection (o)
28 of this section and except as provided in subsection (a–1) of this section, the county
29 governing body shall appropriate local funds to the school operating budget in an amount
30 no less than the product of the county’s enrollment count for the current fiscal year and the
31 local appropriation on a per pupil basis for the prior fiscal year using enrollment count.

1 **(3) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2028 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
 2 **THEREAFTER, THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SHALL:**

3 **(I) SUBTRACT THE AMOUNT OF INTERNET GAMING PROCEEDS**
 4 **DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FOR EDUCATION FUNDING UNDER §**
 5 **9-1F-05(B)(2)(VIII) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE FROM THE TOTAL**
 6 **AMOUNTS CALCULATED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

7 **(II) APPROPRIATE TO THE SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET THE**
 8 **AMOUNT OF INTERNET GAMING PROCEEDS THAT THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY**
 9 **RECEIVED.**

10 **Article – Labor and Employment**

11 8-803.

12 (d) (1) Except as provided in § 8-1207 of this title for the work sharing
 13 program and § 8-1604 of this title for the Self-Employment Assistance Program, an eligible
 14 claimant shall be paid a weekly benefit amount that is computed by:

15 (i) determining the claimant's weekly benefit amount under this
 16 section;

17 (ii) adding any allowance for a dependent to which the claimant is
 18 entitled under § 8-804 of this subtitle; and

19 (iii) subject to [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4)** of this
 20 subsection, subtracting any wages exceeding \$50 payable to the claimant for the week.

21 (2) In computing benefits under this subsection, a fraction of a dollar shall
 22 be rounded to the next lower dollar.

23 (3) A payment to an individual as compensation for serving as an election
 24 judge for a local board of elections in the State may not be included when computing the
 25 wages required to be subtracted under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection.

26 **(4) A PAYMENT TO A FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE**
 27 **FROM THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND**
 28 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1F-13 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE MAY NOT**
 29 **BE INCLUDED WHEN COMPUTING THE WAGES REQUIRED TO BE SUBTRACTED UNDER**
 30 **PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

31 **Article – State Government**

32 9-1A-28.

1 (a) There is a Purse Dedication Account under the authority of the State Racing
2 Commission.

3 (b) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under § 9-1A-27 of this
4 subtitle AND **§ 9-1F-05 OF THIS TITLE.**

5 9-1A-29.

6 (a) There is a Racetrack Facility Renewal Account under the authority of the
7 State Racing Commission.

8 (b) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under:

9 (I) § 9-1A-27 of this subtitle for the first 16 years of operations at
10 each video lottery facility; AND

11 (II) **§ 9-1F-05 OF THIS TITLE.**

12 **SUBTITLE 1F. INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO.**

13 **9-1F-01.**

14 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
15 INDICATED.

16 (B) “BINGO PROCEEDS” MEANS THE TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THE
17 OPERATION OF ONLINE BINGO LESS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WINNINGS OR PRIZES
18 PAID OUT TO PLAYERS.

19 (C) “COMMERCIAL BINGO OPERATOR” MEANS THE HOLDER OF A LICENSE
20 TO OPERATE ELECTRONIC BINGO MACHINES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 13 OF
21 THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

22 (D) “COMMISSION” MEANS THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL
23 COMMISSION.

24 (E) “ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AREA” MEANS A GEOGRAPHIC AREA
25 IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION THAT MEETS THREE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING
26 CRITERIA:

27 (1) HAS A MEDIAN INCOME RATE THAT IS 80% OR LESS OF THE
28 AVERAGE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF THE STATE WITHIN WHICH THE
29 GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED;

1 **(2) HAS AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE**
2 **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS**
3 **LOCATED;**

4 **(3) HAS AN UNINSURED RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE HEALTH**
5 **UNINSURED RATE OF THE STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS**
6 **LOCATED;**

7 **(4) HAS A SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
8 **PARTICIPATION RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION**
9 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION RATE OF THE STATE WITHIN WHICH THE**
10 **GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED; AND**

11 **(5) HAS A POVERTY RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE POVERTY**
12 **RATE IN THE STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED.**

13 **(F) "GAMING PROCEEDS" MEANS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BET ON**
14 **INTERNET GAMING, LESS:**

15 **(1) THE AMOUNT RETURNED TO SUCCESSFUL PLAYERS;**

16 **(2) THE CASH EQUIVALENTS OF ANY MERCHANDISE OR THING OF**
17 **VALUE AWARDED AS A PRIZE TO SUCCESSFUL PLAYERS; AND**

18 **(3) THROUGH THE FIRST 5 YEARS OF OPERATION OF AN INTERNET**
19 **GAMING LICENSEE:**

20 **(I) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S PROCEEDS DO NOT**
21 **EXCEED \$4,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION,**
22 **35% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS;**

23 **(II) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S PROCEEDS ARE AT**
24 **LEAST \$4,000,000 BUT DO NOT EXCEED \$8,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY**
25 **PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, 31.25% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL**
26 **CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS;**

27 **(III) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S PROCEEDS ARE AT**
28 **LEAST \$8,000,000 BUT DO NOT EXCEED \$10,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY**
29 **PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, 27.5% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL**
30 **CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS;**

31 **(IV) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S PROCEEDS ARE AT**
32 **LEAST \$10,000,000 BUT DO NOT EXCEED \$12,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY**

1 PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, **23.75%** OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL
2 CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS; OR

3 (V) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S PROCEEDS EXCEED
4 **\$12,000,000** DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, **20%** OF
5 FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS.

6 (G) "INTERNET GAMING" MEANS CASINO-STYLE GAMING THROUGH AN
7 ONLINE GAMING SYSTEM:

8 (1) ON A COMPUTER, A MOBILE DEVICE, OR ANY OTHER INTERACTIVE
9 DEVICE; AND

10 (2) THAT IS CONDUCTED BY AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR A
11 PERSON WHO OPERATES INTERNET GAMING ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING
12 LICENSEE.

13 (H) "INTERNET GAMING LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE
14 COMMISSION TO CONDUCT INTERNET GAMING IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
15 THIS SUBTITLE.

16 (I) "INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE" MEANS THE HOLDER OF AN INTERNET
17 GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

18 (J) "MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN
19 **§ 9-1E-01** OF THIS TITLE.

20 (K) "ONLINE BINGO" MEANS ONLINE OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC INSTANT
21 BINGO.

22 (L) "ONLINE BINGO LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE
23 COMMISSION TO CONDUCT ONLINE BINGO IN THE STATE.

24 (M) "ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE" MEANS THE HOLDER OF AN ONLINE BINGO
25 LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

26 (N) "ONLINE GAMING OPERATOR" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT HOLDS A
27 LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO:

28 (1) CONDUCT AND OPERATE INTERNET GAMING ON BEHALF OF AN
29 INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE; OR

30 (2) CONDUCT AND OPERATE ONLINE BINGO ON BEHALF OF AN ONLINE
31 BINGO LICENSEE.

1 **(O) (1) “PERSONAL NET WORTH” MEANS THE NET VALUE OF THE ASSETS**
2 **HELD BY AN INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL’S SHARE OF ASSETS HELD**
3 **JOINTLY OR AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH THE INDIVIDUAL’S SPOUSE, AFTER**
4 **TOTAL LIABILITIES ARE DEDUCTED.**

5 **(2) “PERSONAL NET WORTH” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

6 **(I) THE INDIVIDUAL’S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN AN APPLICANT**
7 **FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;**

8 **(II) THE INDIVIDUAL’S EQUITY IN THE INDIVIDUAL’S PRIMARY**
9 **PLACE OF RESIDENCE;**

10 **(III) ANY MORTGAGE OR LOAN SECURED BY THE INDIVIDUAL’S**
11 **PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AS A LIABILITY; OR**

12 **(IV) THE CASH VALUE OF ANY QUALIFIED RETIREMENT SAVINGS**
13 **PLANS OR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.**

14 **(P) “SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANT” MEANS AN APPLICANT FOR AN INTERNET**
15 **GAMING LICENSE WHO SATISFIES AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

16 **(1) LIVED IN AN ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AREA FOR AT**
17 **LEAST 5 OF THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE SUBMISSION OF THE**
18 **APPLICATION;**

19 **(2) ATTENDED A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN AN ECONOMICALLY**
20 **DISADVANTAGED AREA FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS;**

21 **(3) FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS, ATTENDED A 4–YEAR INSTITUTION OF**
22 **HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE WHERE AT LEAST 40% OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO**
23 **ATTEND THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A PELL**
24 **GRANT; AND**

25 **(4) HAS A PERSONAL NET WORTH THAT DOES NOT EXCEED AN**
26 **AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY, EQUITY,**
27 **AND INCLUSION IN THE INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY.**

28 **(Q) “SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN**
29 **§ 9–1E–01 OF THIS TITLE.**

30 **(R) “SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
31 **9–1E–01 OF THIS TITLE.**

1 (S) “VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01
2 OF THIS TITLE.

3 (T) “VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01
4 OF THIS TITLE.

5 **9-1F-02.**

6 (A) (1) THIS SUBTITLE AUTHORIZES:

7 (I) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE TO CONDUCT AND
8 OPERATE INTERNET GAMING IN THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE; AND

9 (II) AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE TO CONDUCT AND OPERATE
10 ONLINE BINGO IN THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

11 (2) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE
12 MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UP TO ONE ONLINE GAMING OPERATOR.

13 (B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION
14 SHALL REGULATE INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO AND THE CONDUCT OF
15 INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT THE
16 COMMISSION REGULATES THE OPERATION OF VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS AND
17 TABLE GAMES UNDER SUBTITLE 1A OF THIS TITLE, MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING
18 UNDER SUBTITLE 1E OF THIS TITLE, AND ELECTRONIC BINGO MACHINES
19 CONSISTENT WITH TITLE 12 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

20 (C) UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, THE REQUIREMENTS
21 UNDER §§ 9-1A-04, 9-1A-06, 9-1A-07, 9-1A-08, 9-1A-12, 9-1A-14, 9-1A-18,
22 9-1A-19, 9-1A-20, AND 9-1A-25 OF THIS TITLE APPLY TO THE AUTHORITY, DUTIES,
23 AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION, AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE, AN
24 ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE, AND AN EMPLOYEE OR A CONTRACTOR OF AN INTERNET
25 GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

26 (D) (1) THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:

27 (I) A PERSON THAT CONDUCTS INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE
28 BINGO;

29 (II) A PERSON THAT CONDUCTS INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE
30 BINGO ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR AN ONLINE BINGO
31 LICENSEE, INCLUDING AN ONLINE GAMING OPERATOR;

1 (III) A LIVE STUDIO DEALER, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-1F-10 OF
2 THIS SUBTITLE;

3 (IV) A PERSON NOT LICENSED UNDER ITEM (I), (II), OR (III) OF
4 THIS PARAGRAPH THAT MANAGES, OPERATES, SUPPLIES, PROVIDES SECURITY FOR,
5 OR PROVIDES SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, OR REPAIRS FOR AN INTERNET GAMING
6 LICENSEE OR AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE; AND

7 (V) AN INDIVIDUAL DIRECTLY EMPLOYED IN THE OPERATION
8 OF INTERNET GAMING BY AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO BY AN
9 ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT OTHERWISE HOLD A VALID
10 LICENSE UNDER SUBTITLE 1A OF THIS TITLE.

11 (2) THE COMMISSION MAY BY REGULATION REQUIRE A PERSON THAT
12 CONTRACTS WITH A LICENSEE AND THE PERSON'S EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN A
13 LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE
14 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC
15 INTEREST AND ACCOMPLISH THE POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

16 (3) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE
17 COMMISSION MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

18 (E) (1) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE TO A PERSON
19 DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OR (IV) OF THIS SECTION IF THE
20 APPLICANT OR ANY OF THE APPLICANT'S AFFILIATES, INCLUDING AN ENTITY UNDER
21 COMMON CONTROL, IS KNOWINGLY ACCEPTING REVENUE THAT IS DIRECTLY OR
22 INDIRECTLY DERIVED FROM:

23 (I) A JURISDICTION ON THE BLACK LIST OF MONEY
24 LAUNDERING COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED BY THE FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE;

25 (II) A JURISDICTION DESIGNATED AS A STATE SPONSOR OF
26 TERRORISM BY THE UNITED STATES; OR

27 (III) ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

28 (2) IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE LICENSURE OF A PERSON DESCRIBED
29 UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OR (IV) OF THIS SECTION THE COMMISSION
30 DETERMINES THAT THE LICENSE HOLDER OR ANY OF THE LICENSE HOLDER'S
31 AFFILIATES, INCLUDING AN ENTITY UNDER COMMON CONTROL, IS KNOWINGLY
32 ACCEPTING REVENUE THAT IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY DERIVED FROM A
33 JURISDICTION OR ACTIVITY DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
34 SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY REVOKE THE LICENSE OF THE LICENSE
35 HOLDER IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT, AFTER NOTICE AND

1 OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING, IT WOULD FURTHER THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO
2 DISCONTINUE THE OPERATIONS OF THE LICENSE HOLDER WITHIN THE STATE.

3 (3) (I) 1. IN THIS PARAGRAPH THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE
4 THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

5 2. "ILLEGAL INTERACTIVE GAMING MARKET" MEANS A
6 JURISDICTION IN WHICH INTERACTIVE GAMING IS PROHIBITED BY THE LAWS OF
7 THAT JURISDICTION.

8 3. "INTERACTIVE GAME CONTENT" MEANS HARDWARE,
9 SOFTWARE, APPLICATIONS, AND SERVERS USED TO OPERATE, CONDUCT, OR OFFER
10 INTERACTIVE GAMBLING GAMES.

11 (II) THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE A PERSON DESCRIBED
12 UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OR (IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON APPLICATION FOR
13 A LICENSE AND ANNUALLY FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE, TO SUBMIT A
14 DISCLOSURE STATING THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE APPLICANT OR LICENSE
15 HOLDER OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSE HOLDER, DURING THE
16 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY
17 ACCEPTED REVENUE FROM THE SUPPLY OF INTERACTIVE GAME CONTENT IN AN
18 ILLEGAL INTERACTIVE GAMING MARKET.

19 (III) A MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION OR OMISSION ON THE
20 DISCLOSURE REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY, AT
21 THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSION, RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION
22 FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR, IN THE CASE OF A LICENSE HOLDER,
23 DISCIPLINARY ACTION, INCLUDING A SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE
24 AND PENALTIES FOR OFFICERS OR BOARD MEMBERS OF THE LICENSE HOLDER.

25 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH:

26 (1) THE FORM AND CONTENT OF AN APPLICATION FOR ANY LICENSE
27 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

28 (2) STANDARDS, PROCEDURES, AND RULES THAT GOVERN THE
29 CONDUCT AND OPERATION OF INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO; AND

30 (3) ANY OTHER REGULATION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE
31 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

32 9-1F-03.

1 **(A) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THIS SUBTITLE BE**
2 **IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER THAT, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY STATE AND**
3 **FEDERAL LAW, MAXIMIZES THE ABILITY OF MINORITIES, WOMEN, AND**
4 **MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNET**
5 **GAMING INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THROUGH THE OWNERSHIP OF ENTITIES LICENSED**
6 **TO CONDUCT INTERNET GAMING.**

7 **(B) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE**
8 **COMMISSION MAY ISSUE AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE TO:**

9 **1. A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR;**

10 **2. A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE WHO IS BOTH A**
11 **SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE AND A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING**
12 **LICENSEE IF BOTH LICENSES WERE ISSUED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026;**
13 **AND**

14 **3. APPLICANTS THAT:**

15 **A. HAVE MAINTAINED THE APPLICANTS'**
16 **HEADQUARTERS IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS;**

17 **B. EMPLOYED ON DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND CONTINUE**
18 **TO EMPLOY, AT LEAST 250 EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE ON A FULL-TIME OR**
19 **FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT BASIS;**

20 **C. DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018,**
21 **AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, FILED AN APPLICATION OR RENEWAL**
22 **APPLICATION TO OWN AN EQUITY INTEREST OF AT LEAST 5% IN A VIDEO LOTTERY**
23 **OPERATOR AND WERE FOUND BY THE COMMISSION TO BE QUALIFIED;**

24 **D. AGREE TO OPERATE THE INTERNET GAMING**
25 **BUSINESS USING A BRAND ASSOCIATED WITH A MARYLAND-BASED APPLICANT,**
26 **SUBJECT TO WAIVER BY THE COMMISSION AFTER 1 FULL YEAR OF OPERATION; AND**

27 **E. COMMIT TO SPEND AT LEAST \$5,000,000 DURING THE**
28 **INITIAL TERM OF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSE TO BUILD AND OPERATE A LIVE**
29 **GAMING STUDIO, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE, OR A STUDIO**
30 **FOR TELEVISION AND FILM PRODUCTIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE**
31 **MARYLAND FILM OFFICE WITHIN THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
32 **DIVISION OF TOURISM, FILM, AND THE ARTS.**

33 **(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS**
34 **PARAGRAPH, AN APPLICANT THAT HOLDS MORE THAN ONE LICENSE UNDER**

1 SUBTITLE 1A OR SUBTITLE 1E OF THIS TITLE MAY APPLY ONLY FOR A SINGLE
2 LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

3 (III) 1. THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE TO AN APPLICANT
4 DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 AND 2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH AN
5 ADDITIONAL INTERNET GAMING LICENSE IF, AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR A
6 LICENSE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OR 2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE APPLICANT
7 CONCURRENTLY APPLIES FOR A LICENSE THAT THE APPLICANT AGREES TO
8 OPERATE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS WHO DEMONSTRATE
9 DIRECT OR INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OF AT LEAST 33% IN A JOINT VENTURE.

10 2. IF AN APPLICANT APPLIES FOR A LICENSE IN
11 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE
12 COMMISSION MAY ISSUE THE APPLICANT AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE THAT THE
13 APPLICANT MAY OPERATE SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

14 (IV) 1. IF A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR OR SPORTS
15 WAGERING LICENSEE THAT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE
16 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FAILS TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE
17 FOR WHICH THE ENTITY IS POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE, INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL
18 LICENSES DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE
19 COMMISSION MAY ISSUE THE OTHERWISE AVAILABLE INTERNET GAMING LICENSES
20 THROUGH TWO COMPETITIVE LICENSING ROUNDS TO APPLICANTS THAT MEET THE
21 REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

22 2. IN ADDITION TO THE LICENSES DESCRIBED UNDER
23 SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE FIVE
24 INTERNET GAMING LICENSES THROUGH TWO COMPETITIVE LICENSING ROUNDS TO
25 APPLICANTS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE
26 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

27 3. THE FIRST ROUND OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES
28 DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL
29 BE AVAILABLE TO APPLICANTS THAT DEMONSTRATE DIRECT OR INDIRECT
30 OWNERSHIP OF AT LEAST 33% BY SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS.

31 4. IF ANY LICENSES DESCRIBED UNDER
32 SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH REMAIN AVAILABLE AFTER
33 THE FIRST ROUND OF APPLICATIONS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 3 OF
34 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE REMAINING LICENSES SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO
35 APPLICANTS WHO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS
36 PARAGRAPH.

1 **(v) 1. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO AN**
2 **APPLICANT DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 AND 2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

3 **2. THE COMMISSION MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE TO AN**
4 **APPLICANT THAT HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED DIRECT OR INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OF**
5 **AT LEAST 5% BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS.**

6 **3. THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE A LICENSE TO AN**
7 **APPLICANT THAT, IN LIEU OF THE OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED UNDER**
8 **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, HAS ESTABLISHED A**
9 **PROFIT-SHARING AGREEMENT WITH NONMANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD**
10 **OTHERWISE QUALIFY AS SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS.**

11 **(vi) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW EACH APPLICATION FOR**
12 **AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION TO ENSURE THAT**
13 **APPLICANTS SATISFY THE SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANT OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**
14 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

15 **(vii) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FACTORS ESTABLISHED BY THE**
16 **COMMISSION BY REGULATION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE, THE**
17 **COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR INTERNET GAMING LICENSES**
18 **UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BASED ON:**

19 **1. THE PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP BY INDIVIDUALS**
20 **WHO ARE SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS;**

21 **2. THE APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STABILITY,**
22 **RESOURCES, INTEGRITY, AND BUSINESS ABILITY AND ACUMEN;**

23 **3. THE APPLICANT'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**
24 **PLANS FOR INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE;**

25 **4. THE APPLICANT'S PLANS FOR EMPLOYING**
26 **INDIVIDUALS IN THE INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY WHO RESIDE IN ECONOMICALLY**
27 **DISADVANTAGED AREAS; AND**

28 **5. THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBLE GAMING PROGRAMS**
29 **AND AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM.**

30 **(2) (i) THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSE**
31 **TO A COMMERCIAL BINGO OPERATOR.**

1 **(II) A COMMERCIAL BINGO OPERATOR THAT APPLIES FOR AN**
2 **ONLINE BINGO LICENSE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT APPLY FOR AN**
3 **INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

4 **(III) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW EACH APPLICATION FOR**
5 **AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH**
6 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

7 **(3) (I) THE COMMISSION MAY CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT TO**
8 **ASSIST THE COMMISSION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNET GAMING**
9 **LICENSE APPLICATION AND THE REVIEW OF APPLICANTS.**

10 **(II) AS PART OF THE REVIEW OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN**
11 **INTERNET GAMING LICENSE, THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE**
12 **ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO THE APPLICANT SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST.**

13 **(4) (I) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
14 **PARAGRAPH, THE INITIAL LICENSE FEE FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE IS**
15 **EQUAL TO:**

16 **A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM B OF THIS**
17 **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH, \$1,000,000; OR**

18 **B. \$500,000 IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE**
19 **AGREES WITH THE COMMISSION TO OFFER ONLY LIVE DEALER GAMES CONDUCTED**
20 **BY THE LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

21 **2. THE INITIAL LICENSE FEE FOR AN ONLINE BINGO**
22 **LICENSE IS EQUAL TO \$500,000.**

23 **(II) 1. IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, “MAJOR MINORITY-OWNED**
24 **APPLICANT OR JOINT VENTURE APPLICANT” MEANS AN APPLICANT FOR AN**
25 **INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IN WHICH:**

26 **A. ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SOCIAL EQUITY**
27 **APPLICANTS OR ENTITIES CERTIFIED AS MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES UNDER**
28 **TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE**
29 **DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OWN AT LEAST 51% OF THE EQUITY INTERESTS IN THE**
30 **APPLICANT; OR**

31 **B. IN THE CASE OF A JOINT VENTURE, ONE OR MORE**
32 **ENTITIES DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM A OF THIS SUBSUBPARAGRAPH DIRECTLY OR**
33 **INDIRECTLY OWN AT LEAST 51% OF THE EQUITY INTERESTS IN THE JOINT VENTURE.**

1 **2. THE INITIAL LICENSE FEE FOR AN INTERNET GAMING**
2 **LICENSE ISSUED TO A MAJOR MINORITY-OWNED APPLICANT OR JOINT VENTURE**
3 **APPLICANT SHALL BE:**

4 **A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM B OF THIS**
5 **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH, \$500,000; OR**

6 **B. \$250,000, IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE**
7 **AGREES WITH THE COMMISSION TO OFFER ONLY LIVE DEALER GAMES CONDUCTED**
8 **BY THE LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

9 **3. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO:**

10 **A. ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR**
11 **DETERMINING WHETHER AN APPLICANT QUALIFIES AS A MAJOR MINORITY-OWNED**
12 **APPLICANT OR JOINT VENTURE APPLICANT UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; AND**

13 **B. ENSURE THAT THE REDUCED LICENSE FEE PROVIDED**
14 **UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IS AVAILABLE ONLY TO**
15 **APPLICANTS THAT MAINTAIN THE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE REQUIRED FOR AT**
16 **LEAST THE INITIAL TERM OF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSE.**

17 **(III) THE COMMISSION MAY AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE**
18 **FEE REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN**
19 **SEPARATE INSTALLMENTS.**

20 **(IV) THE TERM OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE AND AN**
21 **ONLINE BINGO LICENSE IS 5 YEARS.**

22 **(5) (I) ON APPLICATION BY AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR**
23 **AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE AND PAYMENT OF A LICENSE RENEWAL FEE UNDER**
24 **SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL RENEW FOR 5**
25 **YEARS AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSE IF THE LICENSEE**
26 **COMPLIES WITH ALL STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.**

27 **(II) THE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE IS EQUAL TO:**

28 **1. IN THE CASE OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE, 1%**
29 **OF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S AVERAGE ANNUAL PROCEEDS RETAINED BY**
30 **THE LICENSEE UNDER § 9-1F-05(B)(1)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE PRECEDING**
31 **3-YEAR PERIOD; OR**

1 **2. IN THE CASE OF AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSE, 1% OF**
2 **THE ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE'S AVERAGE ANNUAL BINGO PROCEEDS RETAINED BY**
3 **THE LICENSEE UNDER § 9-1F-05(C)(1)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE PRECEDING**
4 **3-YEAR PERIOD.**

5 **(C) ON A PROPERLY APPROVED TRANSMITTAL PREPARED BY THE**
6 **COMMISSION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FROM**
7 **THE LICENSE FEES COLLECTED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SECTION:**

8 **(1) AN AMOUNT TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL**
9 **AGENCY NECESSARY TO REIMBURSE THE AGENCY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE**
10 **ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES UNDER THIS SECTION;**

11 **(2) 1% TO THE PROBLEM GAMBLING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER §**
12 **9-1A-33 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

13 **(3) THE REMAINDER TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE**
14 **FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-206 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

15 **(D) FOR ALL LICENSES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND § 9-1F-02 OF**
16 **THIS SUBTITLE FOR AN ONLINE GAMING OPERATOR, IF AN APPLICANT HOLDS A**
17 **VALID GAMING OR GAMING OPERATION LICENSE IN THIS STATE OR AT LEAST THREE**
18 **OTHER STATES AND THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE LICENSING**
19 **STANDARDS OF THE ISSUING AGENCY ARE COMPREHENSIVE AND THOROUGH AND**
20 **PROVIDE SIMILAR AND ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS TO THOSE PROVIDED IN THIS**
21 **SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY:**

22 **(1) WAIVE SOME OR ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION;**
23 **AND**

24 **(2) ISSUE A LICENSE TO THAT APPLICANT.**

25 **(E) (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF AN INTERNET GAMING**
26 **LICENSE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSE, THE LICENSEE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE**
27 **COMMISSION A DIVERSITY PLAN THAT DESCRIBES THE STEPS THAT THE LICENSEE**
28 **WILL TAKE TO PROMOTE MEANINGFUL DIVERSITY AMONG ITS OWNERS, INVESTORS,**
29 **MANAGERS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONTRACTORS AND TO PROMOTE EQUALITY OF**
30 **OPPORTUNITY.**

31 **(2) EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND ONLINE BINGO**
32 **LICENSEE SHALL MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO MEET THE DIVERSITY OBJECTIVES**
33 **OUTLINED IN THE DIVERSITY PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
34 **SUBSECTION AND REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ANY NECESSARY METRICS TO**
35 **MEASURE PROGRESS IN MEETING THOSE OBJECTIVES.**

1 (3) THE COMMISSION MAY MAKE THE DIVERSITY PLANS AND
2 METRICS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO THE
3 PUBLIC.

4 (F) (1) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE
5 MAY NOT TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF THE LICENSE FOR A PERIOD OF
6 AT LEAST 3 YEARS FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.

7 (2) THE LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO
8 TRANSFERS AS A RESULT OF THE DISABILITY, INCAPACITY, OR DEATH OF THE
9 OWNER OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSE,
10 BANKRUPTCY OR RECEIVERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LENDING AGREEMENT OF
11 AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE, OR COURT ORDER.

12 9-1F-04.

13 (A) EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE:

14 (1) SHALL:

15 (I) COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL DATA PRIVACY AND
16 SECURITY LAWS;

17 (II) MAINTAIN ALL INTERNET GAMING DATA AND ONLINE BINGO
18 DATA SECURELY FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS;

19 (III) AUTHORIZE ONLY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT LEAST 21
20 YEARS OF AGE TO ENGAGE IN INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO; AND

21 (IV) VERIFY AN INDIVIDUAL'S AGE AND IDENTITY AT THE TIME
22 THE INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHES AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT OR ONLINE BINGO
23 ACCOUNT AND PERIODICALLY REVERIFY THE INDIVIDUAL'S IDENTITY; AND

24 (2) MAY NOT:

25 (I) SHARE ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION
26 WITH ANY THIRD PARTIES WITHOUT PERMISSION, EXCEPT AS NEEDED TO OPERATE
27 INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO, ADMINISTER THE LICENSEE'S OBLIGATIONS
28 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, AND SUPPORT PROBLEM GAMBLING INITIATIVES;

29 (II) TARGET ADVERTISING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
30 PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING IN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS TITLE
31 AND OTHER AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS; OR

1 (III) ENGAGE IN ANY FALSE OR DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING.

2 (B) (1) THE FINDINGS AND EVIDENCE RELIED ON BY THE GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
4 PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND
5 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE ARE INCORPORATED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

6 (2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED
7 STATES CONSTITUTION, AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE
8 STATE'S MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.

9 (3) (I) WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF AN INTERNET
10 GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF SMALL,
11 MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE
12 OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE, SHALL
13 ESTABLISH A CLEAR PLAN FOR SETTING REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE MINORITY
14 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
15 PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES RELATED TO INTERNET GAMING.

16 (II) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE GOALS AND
17 PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE
18 BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE
19 AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE AND THE REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THAT
20 SUBTITLE.

21 (C) AN APPLICANT FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE, AN INTERNET
22 GAMING LICENSEE, OR AN ENTITY THAT OPERATES A LIVE DEALER STUDIO ON
23 BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL PRODUCE INFORMATION,
24 DOCUMENTATION, AND ASSURANCES TO ESTABLISH BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING
25 EVIDENCE THAT:

26 (1) UNLESS THE APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR LIVE DEALER STUDIO
27 OPERATOR ALREADY HAS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, THE
28 APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR LIVE DEALER STUDIO OPERATOR HAS ENTERED INTO A
29 LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT WITH EACH LABOR ORGANIZATION THAT IS ACTIVELY
30 ENGAGED IN REPRESENTING OR ATTEMPTING TO REPRESENT INTERNET GAMING
31 INDUSTRY WORKERS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING DEALERS CONDUCTING LIVE
32 DEALER GAMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

33 (2) THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT IS VALID AND ENFORCEABLE
34 UNDER 29 U.S.C. § 158;

1 **(3) THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT PROTECTS THE STATE’S**
 2 **REVENUES BY PROHIBITING THE LABOR ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS FROM**
 3 **ENGAGING IN PICKETING, WORK STOPPAGES, BOYCOTTS, AND ANY OTHER**
 4 **ECONOMIC INTERFERENCE WITH THE OPERATION OF INTERNET GAMING WITHIN**
 5 **THE FIRST 5 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE;**
 6 **AND**

7 **(4) THE APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR LIVE DEALER STUDIO OPERATOR**
 8 **INTENDS TO MAINTAIN A NEUTRAL POSITION ON THE UNIONIZATION OF ANY**
 9 **EMPLOYEES OF THE APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR OPERATOR, INCLUDING BY**
 10 **REFRAINING FROM MAKING ANY STATEMENT OR IMPLICATION THAT THE**
 11 **APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR OPERATOR:**

12 **(I) OPPOSES THE SELECTION OR DESELECTION OF A**
 13 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGENT; OR**

14 **(II) SUPPORTS OR OPPOSES THE SELECTION OF A PARTICULAR**
 15 **LABOR ORGANIZATION AS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGENT.**

16 **9-1F-05.**

17 **(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ACCOUNT TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR**
 18 **ALL OF THE REVENUE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

19 **(2) THE GAMING PROCEEDS FROM INTERNET GAMING, LESS THE**
 20 **AMOUNT RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1)(II) OF THIS**
 21 **SECTION, SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMPTROLLER AND**
 22 **DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

23 **(3) THE BINGO PROCEEDS FROM ONLINE BINGO, LESS THE AMOUNT**
 24 **RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION,**
 25 **SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMPTROLLER AND DISTRIBUTED AS**
 26 **PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

27 **(B) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
 28 **PARAGRAPH, ALL GAMING PROCEEDS FROM INTERNET GAMING SHALL BE**
 29 **ELECTRONICALLY TRANSFERRED DAILY INTO THE STATE LOTTERY FUND**
 30 **ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.**

31 **(II) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN:**

32 **1. 80% OF THE GAMING PROCEEDS FROM LIVE DEALER**
 33 **GAMES CONDUCTED BY THE LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS**
 34 **SUBTITLE; AND**

1 **2. 60% OF THE GAMING PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE**
2 **LICENSEE FROM ALL OTHER INTERNET GAMING.**

3 **(2) ALL GAMING PROCEEDS FROM INTERNET GAMING IN THE STATE**
4 **LOTTERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE**
5 **DISTRIBUTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS, ON A PROPERLY APPROVED TRANSMITTAL**
6 **PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:**

7 **(I) FOR THE FIRST 12 MONTHS THAT INTERNET GAMING IS IN**
8 **OPERATION IN THE STATE, UP TO \$10,000,000 TO THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY**
9 **EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1F-13 OF THIS**
10 **SUBTITLE;**

11 **(II) TO JURISDICTIONS WITH VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES**
12 **BASED ON EACH JURISDICTION'S PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL GROSS REVENUES**
13 **FROM VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER §**
14 **9-1A-31(B) OF THIS TITLE:**

- 15 **1. \$6,500,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;**
- 16 **2. \$8,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029;**
- 17 **3. \$10,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2030;**
- 18 **4. \$11,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2031; AND**
- 19 **5. \$11,400,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2032;**

20 **(III) TO THE PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED**
21 **UNDER § 9-1A-28 OF THIS TITLE:**

- 22 **1. \$4,900,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;**
- 23 **2. \$6,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029;**
- 24 **3. \$7,600,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2030;**
- 25 **4. \$8,600,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2031; AND**
- 26 **5. \$8,700,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2032;**

27 **(IV) TO THE RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT**
28 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-29 OF THIS TITLE:**

- 1 1. **\$900,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;**
 2 2. **\$1,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029;**
 3 3. **\$1,200,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2030; AND**
 4 4. **\$700,000 IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2031 AND 2032;**

5 (V) TO THE SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED
 6 BUSINESSES ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-1501 OF THE ECONOMIC
 7 DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE:

- 8 1. **\$1,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;**
 9 2. **\$1,600,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029;**
 10 3. **\$1,900,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2030; AND**
 11 4. **\$2,200,000 IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2031 AND 2032;**

12 (VI) 1% OF ALL GAMING PROCEEDS TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND
 13 GAMING CONTROL AGENCY FOR THE COST OF PERFORMING BACKGROUND
 14 INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITIES;

15 (VII) 1% OF ALL GAMING PROCEEDS TO THE PROBLEM
 16 GAMBLING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-33 OF THIS TITLE;

17 (VIII) 5% OF ALL GAMING PROCEEDS TO COUNTY GOVERNING
 18 BODIES, DISTRIBUTED TO EACH COUNTY BASED ON THE COUNTY'S CURRENT FISCAL
 19 YEAR ENROLLMENT COUNT, AS DEFINED IN § 5-201 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE,
 20 TO BE USED TO ASSIST COUNTIES IN MEETING THEIR EDUCATION FUNDING
 21 REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 5-235(A) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE; AND

22 (IX) THE REMAINDER TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S
 23 FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-206 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

24 (C) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
 25 PARAGRAPH, ALL BINGO PROCEEDS FROM ONLINE BINGO SHALL BE
 26 ELECTRONICALLY TRANSFERRED DAILY INTO THE STATE LOTTERY FUND
 27 ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.

28 (II) AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN 60% OF THE
 29 BINGO PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE LICENSEE FROM ONLINE BINGO.

1 **(2) ALL BINGO PROCEEDS FROM ONLINE BINGO IN THE STATE**
2 **LOTTERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE**
3 **DISTRIBUTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS, ON A PROPERLY APPROVED TRANSMITTAL**
4 **PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:**

5 **(I) 1% OF ALL BINGO PROCEEDS TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND**
6 **GAMING CONTROL AGENCY FOR THE COST OF PERFORMING BACKGROUND**
7 **INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITIES;**

8 **(II) 1% OF ALL BINGO PROCEEDS TO THE PROBLEM GAMBLING**
9 **FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-33 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

10 **(III) THE REMAINDER TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S**
11 **FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-206 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

12 **9-1F-06.**

13 **(A) IN ORDER TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE A GAMBLING**
14 **PROBLEM, EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE**
15 **SHALL:**

16 **(1) CAUSE THE WORDS "IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A**
17 **GAMBLING PROBLEM AND WANTS HELP, CALL 1-800-GAMBLER" OR SOME**
18 **COMPARABLE LANGUAGE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION TO BE DISPLAYED**
19 **PROMINENTLY AT LOG-ON AND LOG-OFF TIMES TO ANY INDIVIDUAL VISITING OR**
20 **LOGGED ONTO AN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO PLATFORM;**

21 **(2) REQUIRE AN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO ACCOUNT**
22 **HOLDER TO ESTABLISH A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY DEPOSITED WITHIN A**
23 **SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME AND THE LENGTH OF TIME THE ACCOUNT HOLDER WILL**
24 **BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO AND MAKE**
25 **ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS IF THE ACCOUNT HOLDER REACHES THE ESTABLISHED**
26 **DEPOSIT LIMIT;**

27 **(3) PROVIDE A MECHANISM BY WHICH AN INTERNET GAMING OR**
28 **ONLINE BINGO ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF**
29 **INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO ACTIVITY THROUGH THE ACCOUNT FOR ANY**
30 **NUMBER OF HOURS OR DAYS;**

31 **(4) PROHIBIT THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR ANY INTERNET**
32 **GAMING-RELATED OR ONLINE BINGO-RELATED TRANSACTIONS; AND**

1 **(5) (I) CAUSE THE DISPLAY OF A PROBLEM GAMBLING**
2 **DISCLOSURE CONCERNING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH GAMBLING AND THE**
3 **SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO PROBLEM GAMBLERS AT ACCOUNT LOGIN;**

4 **(II) REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO CERTIFY THAT THE**
5 **INDIVIDUAL HAS READ THE DISCLOSURE DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM**
6 **BEFORE ESTABLISHING AN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO ACCOUNT; AND**

7 **(III) REQUIRE EACH USER TO CERTIFY ON A MONTHLY BASIS**
8 **THAT THE USER HAS READ THE DISCLOSURE DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS**
9 **ITEM.**

10 **(B) IF A SUSPENSION OF INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO ACTIVITY**
11 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION IS IMPOSED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER**
12 **FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS, THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO**
13 **LICENSEE MAY NOT SEND GAMING-RELATED E-MAIL TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER**
14 **UNTIL THE SUSPENSION EXPIRES.**

15 **(C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**
16 **EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE SHALL PROVIDE**
17 **A MECHANISM BY WHICH AN ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY PERIODICALLY CHANGE THE**
18 **CONTROLS ON GAMING ACTIVITY IMPOSED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER UNDER THIS**
19 **SECTION.**

20 **(2) IF THE ACCOUNT IS SUSPENDED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER**
21 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY NOT**
22 **CHANGE GAMING CONTROLS UNTIL THE SUSPENSION EXPIRES.**

23 **(3) IF AN ACCOUNT HOLDER SEEKS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT ON THE**
24 **AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY DEPOSIT WITHIN A PERIOD**
25 **OF TIME SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE INTERNET**
26 **GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE MAY NOT REFLECT THE INCREASED**
27 **LIMIT FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS.**

28 **(D) NOTWITHSTANDING A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF INTERNET GAMING**
29 **OR ONLINE BINGO ACTIVITY IMPOSED BY AN ACCOUNT HOLDER UNDER SUBSECTION**
30 **(A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS**
31 **TO THE ACCOUNT AND IS AUTHORIZED TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM THE ACCOUNT**
32 **ON PROPER APPLICATION TO THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO**
33 **LICENSEE.**

34 **(E) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ARE**
35 **INTENDED TO REDUCE OR MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF PROBLEM GAMBLING.**

1 **(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL:**

2 **(I) INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**
3 **LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WITH GAMBLING PROBLEMS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO BE**
4 **EXCLUDED FROM ANY INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO ACTIVITY LICENSED**
5 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

6 **(II) PROVIDE A SIMPLE MECHANISM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS**
7 **SOBER AND INFORMED TO REQUEST PLACEMENT ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**
8 **LIST FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME.**

9 **(3) UNLESS AN INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON THE**
10 **VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST AFFIRMATIVELY DECLINES THE PROVISION OF THE**
11 **INDIVIDUAL'S CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE MARYLAND CENTER OF**
12 **EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE**
13 **INDIVIDUAL'S CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF**
14 **PROVIDING THE INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION ABOUT FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**
15 **RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING ASSISTANCE.**

16 **(4) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE:**

17 **(I) MAY NOT PERMIT AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE VOLUNTARY**
18 **EXCLUSION LIST TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT OR ONLINE BINGO**
19 **ACCOUNT OR ENGAGE IN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO; AND**

20 **(II) MAY PERMIT AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE VOLUNTARY**
21 **EXCLUSION LIST WHO PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT**
22 **OR ONLINE BINGO ACCOUNT TO ACCESS THE ACCOUNT ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF**
23 **VIEWING AND DOWNLOADING THE INDIVIDUAL'S TRANSACTION HISTORY.**

24 **(5) THE COMMISSION MAY IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON A LICENSEE IN**
25 **ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE IF THE LICENSEE KNOWINGLY FAILS TO**
26 **EXCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST FROM ENGAGING IN**
27 **INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO.**

28 **(F) AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR, EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND**
29 **ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON:**

30 **(1) THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT THE INTERNET GAMING**
31 **LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE HAS IDENTIFIED AS ENGAGING IN ERRATIC**
32 **OR INCREASED GAMBLING BEHAVIOR; AND**

33 **(2) THE NUMBER AND LENGTH OF ANY BANS OR SUSPENSIONS IN**
34 **RESPONSE TO THE BEHAVIOR DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

1 **9-1F-07.**

2 (A) THE COMMISSION MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000,000
3 AGAINST ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY:

4 (1) TAMPERS WITH SOFTWARE, COMPUTERS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT
5 USED TO CONDUCT INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO TO ALTER THE ODDS OR
6 THE PAYOUT OF A GAME OR DISABLE THE GAME FROM OPERATING ACCORDING TO
7 THE RULES OF THE GAME AS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION; OR

8 (2) OFFERS OR ALLOWS TO BE OFFERED ANY INTERNET GAME OR
9 ONLINE BINGO THAT HAS BEEN TAMPHERED WITH IN A WAY THAT AFFECTS THE ODDS
10 OR THE PAYOUT OF A GAME OR HAS BEEN DISABLED FROM OPERATING ACCORDING
11 TO THE RULES OF THE GAME AS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.

12 (B) IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF
13 THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND, FOR NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS, THE
14 LICENSE OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE, AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE, OR ANY
15 OTHER PERSON REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE WHO IS IN
16 VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

17 **9-1F-08.**

18 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE MARYLAND CENTER OF
19 EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN
20 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

21 (1) THE IMPACT OF INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO ON
22 PROBLEM GAMBLERS AND GAMBLING ADDICTION IN THE STATE; AND

23 (2) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY
24 CONTROLS IN PLACE TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURES TO PROTECT
25 VULNERABLE AND PROBLEM GAMBLERS.

26 **9-1F-09.**

27 (A) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, AN INTERNET GAMING
28 LICENSEE SHALL PROVIDE ALL TRANSACTIONAL DATA AND METRICS RELATED TO
29 INTERNET GAMING CONDUCTED IN THE STATE AND ACQUIRED BY AN OPERATOR OF
30 THE LICENSEE ON A MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, OR ANNUAL BASIS TO MORGAN STATE
31 UNIVERSITY AND BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY.

1 **(B) THE TRANSACTIONAL DATA AND METRICS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE**
2 **WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL EXCLUDE ANY PERSONALLY**
3 **IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.**

4 **9-1F-10.**

5 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
6 **INDICATED.**

7 **(2) “AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME” MEANS ANY**
8 **INTERNET-BASED VERSION, OR SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT, OF A TABLE GAME,**
9 **POKER TOURNAMENT, GAMING TOURNAMENT, OR ANY OTHER GAME TYPICALLY**
10 **OFFERED IN A CASINO AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING GAMES IN**
11 **WHICH INDIVIDUALS WAGER MONEY OR SOMETHING OF MONETARY VALUE AND**
12 **THAT ARE ACCESSED BY A COMPUTER OR MOBILE DEVICE THAT IS CONNECTED TO**
13 **THE INTERNET.**

14 **(3) (I) “LIVE DEALER GAME” MEANS AN AUTHORIZED**
15 **INTERACTIVE GAME CONDUCTED BY LIVE STUDIO DEALERS OR OTHER PHYSICAL**
16 **GAMING EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS AN AUTOMATED ROULETTE WHEEL, BALL BLOWER,**
17 **OR GAMING DEVICE, OR BOTH, IN A LIVE GAME ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE**
18 **AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS HAVE THE ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN GAMEPLAY AND**
19 **COMMUNICATE GAME DECISIONS THROUGH AN AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAMING**
20 **PLATFORM.**

21 **(II) “LIVE DEALER GAME” INCLUDES A LIVE CARD GAME, A LIVE**
22 **TABLE GAME, AND ANY OTHER LIVE AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME.**

23 **(4) “LIVE GAMING STUDIO” MEANS A PHYSICAL LOCATION IN THE**
24 **STATE THAT UTILIZES LIVE VIDEO STREAMING TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE**
25 **AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAMES TO A PLAYER’S INTERACTIVE GAMING DEVICE OR**
26 **MULTI-USE COMPUTING DEVICE.**

27 **(5) “LIVE STUDIO DEALER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

28 **(I) LEADS A TABLE GAME, INCLUDING BLACKJACK, CRAPS,**
29 **POKER, ROULETTE, OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME, WHILE**
30 **ASSISTING AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS WITH GAME-RELATED NEEDS;**

31 **(II) DISTRIBUTES VIRTUAL CARDS, DICE, OR OTHER**
32 **EQUIPMENT TO AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS ACCORDING TO THE TABLE GAME OR**
33 **AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME; AND**

34 **(III) MONITORS GAME PACE AND PLAY.**

1 **(B) SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION, AN INTERNET GAMING**
2 **LICENSEE MAY OFFER AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAMES, INCLUDING GAMING**
3 **TOURNAMENTS IN WHICH PLAYERS COMPETE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER IN ONE OR**
4 **MORE OF THE GAMES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR BY THE COMMISSION**
5 **OR IN APPROVED VARIATIONS OR COMPOSITES OF THOSE GAMES.**

6 **(C) AN ONLINE GAMING OPERATOR THAT CONDUCTS AND OPERATES**
7 **INTERNET GAMING ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE MAY USE LIVE**
8 **STUDIO DEALERS TO ADMINISTER AN AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME.**

9 **(D) A LIVE GAMING STUDIO USED TO CONDUCT A LIVE DEALER GAME**
10 **AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION:**

11 **(1) SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE; AND**

12 **(2) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE IS A VIDEO LOTTERY**
13 **OPERATOR, SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY WITHIN WHICH THE VIDEO**
14 **LOTTERY FACILITY IS LOCATED.**

15 **9-1F-11.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "GOVERNMENT" MEANS ANY GOVERNMENTAL UNIT,**
17 **OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, OF A NATIONAL, STATE, OR LOCAL**
18 **BODY EXERCISING GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS.**

19 **(B) ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR, ON**
20 **BEHALF OF THE STATE, IS AUTHORIZED TO:**

21 **(1) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS,**
22 **SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION, THAT ALLOWS AND PROVIDES FOR**
23 **PARTICIPATION IN MULTIJURISDICTIONAL INTERNET GAMING BY INDIVIDUALS**
24 **WHO ARE PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN JURISDICTIONS OVER WHICH THE**
25 **GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE A PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT EXERCISE LEGAL**
26 **AUTHORITY; AND**

27 **(2) TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE THAT ANY**
28 **AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER THIS SECTION BECOMES EFFECTIVE.**

29 **(C) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION**
30 **THAT PROVIDE FOR:**

31 **(1) THE FORM, LENGTH, AND TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED**
32 **UNDER THIS SECTION;**

1 (2) MATTERS RELATING TO THE TAXATION OF INTERNET GAMING
2 REVENUE BY THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;

3 (3) THE SHARING AND DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNET GAMING
4 REVENUE AMONG THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;

5 (4) RESOLUTION OF PLAYER DISPUTES;

6 (5) THE INFORMATION THAT A GOVERNMENT PROPOSING TO ENTER
7 INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE MUST PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSION;

8 (6) THE MANNER AND PROCEDURE FOR HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY
9 THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS
10 SECTION;

11 (7) THE INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE TO
12 THE GOVERNOR THAT SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION
13 MADE UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

14 (8) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

15 (D) THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT UNDER THIS
16 SECTION UNLESS THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES TERMS:

17 (1) FOR ANY POTENTIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SHARING OF
18 REVENUES BY THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;

19 (2) PERMITTING THE EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF INTERNET GAMING
20 BY THE STATE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO LICENSING, TECHNICAL
21 STANDARDS TO BE FOLLOWED, RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BY PATRONS,
22 REQUIREMENTS FOR BANKROLLS, ENFORCEMENT, ACCOUNTING, AND
23 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS;

24 (3) BY WHICH EACH PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT AGREES TO PROHIBIT
25 OPERATORS OF INTERNET GAMING, SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND MANUFACTURERS OR
26 DISTRIBUTORS OF INTERNET GAMING SYSTEMS FROM ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY
27 PERMITTED UNDER THE AGREEMENT UNLESS THOSE PERSONS ARE LICENSED OR
28 FOUND SUITABLE:

29 (I) UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; OR

1 (II) BY ANY OTHER PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT UNDER
2 REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE MATERIALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
3 THIS SUBTITLE;

4 (4) PROHIBITING VARIATION OR DEROGATION FROM THE
5 REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT FOR ANY PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT ABSENT
6 THE CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;

7 (5) PROHIBITING ANY SUBORDINATE OR SIDE AGREEMENTS, EXCEPT
8 WITH RESPECT TO SHARING OF REVENUES, AMONG ANY SUBSET OF THE
9 GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT; AND

10 (6) IF THE AGREEMENT ALLOWS PERSONS PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN
11 THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNET GAMING CONDUCTED BY ANOTHER PARTY
12 TO THE AGREEMENT OR AN OPERATOR OF INTERNET GAMING LICENSED BY THE
13 OTHER PARTY, REQUIRING THAT PARTY TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN REGULATORY
14 REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING INTERNET GAMING THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE
15 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE IN ALL MATERIAL RESPECTS.

16 9-1F-12.

17 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT
18 TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
19 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

20 (1) THE OPERATION OF INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO IN
21 THE STATE; AND

22 (2) THE IMPACT OF INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO ON VIDEO
23 LOTTERY FACILITIES, OTHER GAMING VENUES, AND ANCILLARY BUSINESSES THAT
24 SURROUND THOSE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES AND GAMING VENUES.

25 9-1F-13.

26 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY
27 EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND.

28 (B) THERE IS A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT
29 FUND.

30 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO SUPPORT VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY
31 EMPLOYEES WHO ARE DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING.

32 (D) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE

1 FUND.

2 (E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
3 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

4 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,
5 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

6 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

7 (1) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 9-1F-05(B)(2)(I)
8 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

9 (2) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND

10 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
11 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

12 (G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY:

13 (1) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES RELATED TO ADMINISTRATION
14 OF THE FUND;

15 (2) FOR GRANTS TO FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES
16 DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING TO OFFSET ANY
17 REDUCTION IN THE TAKE-HOME PAY OF THE FORMER EMPLOYEES;

18 (3) TO SUPPLEMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENTS
19 RECEIVED BY FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY THE
20 IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING;

21 (4) TO ESTABLISH JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FORMER VIDEO
22 LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
23 INTERNET GAMING; AND

24 (5) FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE MARYLAND
25 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO ASSIST FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES
26 DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING.

27 (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
28 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

1 **(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO**
2 **THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

3 **(I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE**
4 **WITH THE STATE BUDGET.**

5 **(J) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS**
6 **TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 5–235(a) of the Education
8 Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, may not be construed to reduce overall funding
9 appropriated by a county governing body based on that section of law as it existed before
10 the enactment of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

12 (a) In accordance with Article XIX, § 1(e) of the Maryland Constitution, before
13 this Act, which authorizes additional forms or expansion of commercial gaming, becomes
14 effective, a question substantially similar to the following shall be submitted to a
15 referendum of the qualified voters of the State at the general election to be held in
16 November 2026:

17 “Do you favor the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland to
18 authorize Internet gaming and online bingo for the primary purpose of raising revenue for
19 education?”

20 (b) The State Board of Elections shall do those things necessary and proper to
21 provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the votes cast
22 on the question are “For the referred law”, this Act shall become effective on the 30th day
23 following the official canvass of votes for the referendum, but if a majority of the votes cast
24 on the question are “Against the referred law”, this Act, with no further action required by
25 the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

26 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of
27 Section 3 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required by
28 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

SENATE BILL 761

C7

6lr3215
CF 6lr3217

By: Senator Watson

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Expansion of Commercial Gaming – Internet Gaming Referendum**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the General Assembly may authorize, by law, the State
 4 Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain Internet gaming licenses;
 5 requiring certain implementation legislation to include certain criteria and
 6 specifications, subject to a certain limitation; declaring the intent of the General
 7 Assembly that certain revenues be used for dedicated purposes including the funding
 8 of public education; submitting this Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the
 9 State; and generally relating to Internet gaming.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 11 That:

12 (a) The General Assembly may authorize, by law, the State Lottery and Gaming
 13 Control Commission to issue a license to offer Internet gaming in the State.

14 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, legislation enacted by the
 15 General Assembly to implement the provisions of this Act shall include the criteria for
 16 eligible applications for a licensee and specifications of the permissible forms and means of
 17 conduct of Internet gaming.

18 (2) The State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission may issue a license
 19 to offer Internet gaming in the State only to:

20 (i) the holder of a video lottery operation license, as defined under
 21 § 9–1A–01 of the State Government Article; and

22 (ii) subject to additional eligibility criteria specified by law in
 23 accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection, an entity under contract with the holder
 24 of a video lottery operation license.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if the voters of this State
2 adopt a referendum that authorizes Internet gaming in the State, the State's share of
3 revenues generated by Internet gaming shall be used for dedicated purposes including the
4 funding of public education.

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Section 1 of
6 this Act, which authorize the General Assembly to authorize, by law, the State Lottery and
7 Gaming Control Commission to issue Internet gaming licenses to certain licensees in the
8 State, are subject to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State as provided in Section
9 4 of this Act, and on voter approval of this Act at the general election to be held in November
10 2026, legislation shall be required to provide for the operation, regulation, and disposition
11 of proceeds of Internet gaming in the State.

12 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

13 (a) In accordance with Article XIX, § 1(e) of the Maryland Constitution, before
14 Section 1 of this Act, which authorizes additional forms or expansion of commercial gaming,
15 becomes effective, a question substantially similar to the following shall be submitted to a
16 referendum of the qualified voters of the State at the general election to be held in
17 November 2026:

18 "Do you favor the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland to
19 authorize Internet gaming for dedicated purposes including the funding of public
20 education?"

21 (b) The State Board of Elections shall do those things necessary and proper to
22 provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of votes cast on
23 the question are "For the referred law", this Act shall become effective on the 30th day
24 following the official canvass of voters for the referendum, but if a majority of the votes cast
25 on the question are "Against the referred law", this Act, with no further action required by
26 the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

27 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of
28 Section 4 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required by
29 Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

HOUSE BILL 1605

E2, P2

6lr3614

By: Delegate Griffith

Introduced and read first time: February 17, 2026

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Compensation for Individuals Erroneously Convicted – County Cost-Sharing –**
3 **Repeal**4 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that county governments are required to pay
5 a certain percentage of the amount of compensation to individuals erroneously
6 convicted of a crime the individual did not commit; and generally relating to
7 compensation for individuals who have been erroneously convicted.8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 10–501(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:15 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

16 10–501.

17 (a) (1) On receipt of an order by an administrative law judge granting a
18 petition under subsection (b) of this section, [subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection,]
19 the Board of Public Works shall compensate an individual erroneously convicted,
20 sentenced, and confined under State law for a crime the individual did not commit in an
21 amount equal to the product of the total number of days that the individual was wrongfully
22 confined after the erroneous conviction multiplied by a daily rate of the State's most recent
23 annual median household income as published in the American Community Survey of the
24 U.S. Census Bureau in the year the order of eligibility is issued under subsection (b) of this
25 section and divided by 365 days to the nearest whole cent.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) In addition to the compensation awarded under paragraph (1) of this
2 subsection, the administrative law judge issuing an order under subsection (b) of this
3 section may direct the appropriate State agency or service provider to provide to the
4 individual free of charge any of the following benefits:

5 (i) a State identification card and any other document necessary for
6 the individual's health or welfare on the individual's release from confinement;

7 (ii) housing accommodations for a period not exceeding 5 years after
8 the date the order of eligibility is issued under subsection (b) of this section;

9 (iii) education and training relevant to life skills, job and vocational
10 training, or financial literacy for a period of time until the individual elects to no longer
11 receive the education and training;

12 (iv) health care and dental care for at least 5 years after the date the
13 order of eligibility is issued under subsection (b) of this section;

14 (v) access to enrollment at and payment of tuition and fees for
15 attending a public senior higher education institution, a regional higher education center,
16 or the Baltimore City Community College for a period of enrollment not exceeding 8 years;
17 and

18 (vi) reimbursement for court fines, fees, and restitution paid by the
19 individual for the crime for which the individual was erroneously convicted, sentenced, and
20 confined.

21 (3) (i) If an individual previously received a monetary award from a
22 civil suit or entered into a settlement agreement with the State or a political subdivision of
23 the State for an erroneous conviction, sentence, or confinement, the amount owed to the
24 individual under this subsection shall be reduced by the amount of the monetary award or
25 settlement that was paid to the individual less any amount paid for attorney's fees and
26 costs for litigating the award or settlement.

27 (ii) 1. If, after receiving compensation under this subsection, an
28 individual receives a monetary award from a civil suit or enters into a settlement
29 agreement with the State or a political subdivision of the State for an erroneous conviction,
30 sentence, or confinement, the individual shall reimburse the State the amount of money
31 paid under this section less any amount paid for attorney's fees and costs for litigating the
32 award or settlement.

33 2. Reimbursement required under subparagraph 1 of this
34 subparagraph may not exceed the amount of the monetary award the individual received
35 in the civil suit or settlement agreement.

1 3. The State may obtain a lien against the monetary award
2 from a civil suit or settlement agreement to satisfy an obligation under subsubparagraph 1
3 of this subparagraph.

4 (4) If an individual eligible for compensation and benefits under this
5 subsection is deceased, the individual's estate has standing to be compensated under this
6 subsection.

7 [(5) (i) Beginning in fiscal year 2026, the county government in the
8 county in which the conviction of an individual occurred shall pay to the State 50% of the
9 amount of compensation awarded to the individual under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

10 (ii) The payment shall be remitted annually to the Comptroller by
11 June 30 equal to 100% of the county's share of costs for that fiscal year.

12 (iii) On October 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1 of each fiscal
13 year, the Board of Public Works shall notify the Comptroller and each county of the county's
14 share of each erroneous conviction award during the fiscal year.

15 (iv) The Comptroller may withhold a portion of a local income tax
16 distribution of a county that fails to make timely payment in accordance with this section.]

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2026.

CIP Project Name: Health Department and 50 Plus Center Pocomoke Service Building Replacement

Project Director (Name & Title): Michael Hutchinson, Maintenance Superintendent/Bill Bradshaw, County Engineer

Phone Number: 410-632-3766/410-632-1200 x1150

Project Location: 400 Walnut Street, Pocomoke City

Project Summary

This project is for replacement of the existing building at the same address. The existing building was constructed in 1949/1950. This update is based on a schematic building design completed by DBF Architects & Engineers in 2025 (report attached), Health Department representatives, 50 Plus Department representatives and County Public Works. This schematic plan is based on considerations of the current operations, space planning and ancillary requirements for a new 13,500 SF building. The building plan will have one wing for Health Department and a second wing for the 50 Plus Center. The schematic design reports includes proposed floor plans and renderings for the building. The schematic design results is an increase in construction cost estimate of \$800k.

The primary purpose of this capital improvement plan is to ensure the safety, usability, and longevity of the facility by replacing the outdated structure with a new, code-compliant building. The new building will meet all current regulations, including fire safety, accessibility (ADA), structural integrity, and energy efficiency standards. Additionally, the project aims to: 1. **Enhance Safety:** Address critical safety concerns related to the building's deteriorated condition, ensuring the well-being of all occupants. 2. **Improve Functionality:** Provide a modern facility that meets the operational needs of its users, supporting current and future activities effectively. 3. **Ensure Compliance:** Bring the facility up to code, eliminating legal liabilities and ensuring adherence to local, state, and federal regulations. 4. **Optimize Energy Efficiency:** Incorporate energy-efficient systems and materials to reduce operating costs and environmental impact. 5. **Support Community and Economic Growth:** The new building will serve as a vital asset to the community, potentially attracting investment, improving public services, and contributing to local economic development. This capital improvement plan is a critical investment in the future of the facility and the Pocomoke community it serves, ensuring it remains a safe, functional, and valuable asset for years to come.

	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
EXPENDITURES								
Engineering/Design						704,500		704,500
Land Acquisition								0
Site Work								0
Construction		6,470,523	2,156,841					8,627,364
Equipment/Furnishings		230,000	555,000					785,000
Other - Please Specify								0
TOTAL	0	6,700,523	2,711,841	0	0	704,500	0	10,116,864

	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
SOURCES OF FUNDS								
General Fund								0
Water Wastewater User Fees								0
Solid Waste User Fees								0
Grant Funds								0
State Match								0
State Loan								0
Assigned Funds		6,700,523	2,711,841			704,500		10,116,864
Private Donation								0
Enterprise Bonds								0
General Bonds								0
Other - Please Specify								0
TOTAL	0	6,700,523	2,711,841	0	0	704,500	0	10,116,864

If this project will have operating impacts, the fields below will populate from the data that is entered on the Operating Impact Projection tab of this workbook

PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS	0	66,438	66,438	66,438	66,438			265,752
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Additional Project Information

Complete the following questions:

What is the useful life of the asset/project? 50 years

Will this project generate revenue? No

Are there any grant funds available? If so, through what agency? What is the grant deadline? How much funding will you be requesting through the grant? Currently none. 50 Plus Center section would solicit State and foundation grants and donor contributions.

Does this project qualify for IAC funding or other state funding? If so, what is the status of the funding? None identified.

Is there a Federal or State mandate related to this project? If so, please elaborate: No

Are there impacts to the General Fund operating expenditures such as personnel or utilities & maintenance? Yes building operation and maintenance expenses are estimated.

CIP Project Name: Ocean Pines - Force Main Replacement Station N to L

Project Director (Name & Title): Dallas Baker Jr., P.E. - Director of Public Works

Phone Number: 410-632-5623

Project Location: Ocean Pines Collection Station N to Station L along Ocean Parkway
(Ocean Pines Service Area)

Project Summary

This project is to replace the failing force main from Station N to L. The pipe material is deteriorating and is in need of replacement. The existing force main from Stations N to L has a common line that has failures routinely over the last three years. The number of failures over the last two years is 8 breaks which has yielded fines to the service area and emergency repair work. The limits of the project would be to replace in-kind with the same size pipe but with a stronger material to the common manifold point. Historically, the same force main has been repaired over 24 times in the last 5 years based upon patches in the road.

The primary benefit of this project to the Citizens and the County is it would minimize the amount of fines, eliminate some of the emergency repair work, minimize the number of patches, routine disturbance to the neighboring property owners, and minimize the need for staff to do traffic control at such a busy intersection on the south side of Ocean Pines. (Macklin Creek and Ocean Parkway)

	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
EXPENDITURES								
Engineering/Design	200,000							200,000
Land Acquisition								0
Site Work								0
Construction		1,500,000						1,500,000
Equipment/Furnishings								0
Other - Please Specify								0
TOTAL	200,000	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,700,000

	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
SOURCES OF FUNDS								
General Fund								0
Water Wastewater User Fees	200,000	1,500,000						1,700,000
Solid Waste User Fees								
Grant Funds								0
State Match								0
State Loan								0
Assigned Funds								0
Private Donation								0
Enterprise Bonds								0
General Bonds								0
Other - USDA / MDE								0
TOTAL	200,000	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,700,000

If this project will have operating impacts, the fields below will populate from the data that is entered on the Operating Impact Projection tab of this workbook

PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS	0	0	0	0	0		0
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Additional Project Information

Complete the following questions:

What is the useful life of the asset/project?

30 years, based off of estimated

Will this project generate revenue?

No

Are there any grant funds available? If so, through what agency? What is the grant deadline? How much funding will you be requesting through the grant?

No

Does this project qualify for IAC funding or other state funding? If so, what is the status of the funding?

No

Is there a Federal or State mandate related to this project? If so, please elaborate:

Not yet, however, MDE has issued several fines to the County for sanitary sewer overflows related to pipe breaks along this force main. If the breaks continue to occur, MDE may issue a consent order to replace the force main.

Are there impacts to the General Fund operating expenditures such as personnel or utilities & maintenance?

No

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CIP Project Name: River Run Sewer Interconnection to Ocean Pines

Project Director (Name & Title): Dallas Baker Jr., P.E. - Director of Public Works

Phone Number: 410-632-5623

Project Location: River Run WWTP to Ocean Pines Collections
(River Run Service Area)

Project Summary

Interconnect the River Run and Ocean Pines Sewer systems via the installation of a new sewer line. This will allow for the River Run lagoon liner to be replaced while still treating the service area's wastewater via the Ocean Pines WWTP. In the future, this interconnect allows for redundancy in the event of an emergency or unexpected shutdown of one of the connected plants.

	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
EXPENDITURES								
Engineering/Design	100,000							100,000
Land Acquisition								0
Site Work								0
Construction		2,000,000						2,000,000
Equipment/Furnishings								0
Other - Please Specify								0
TOTAL	100,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,100,000

SOURCES OF FUNDS								
General Fund								0
Water Wastewater User Fees								0
Solid Waste User Fees								0
Grant Funds								0
State Match								0
State Loan								0
Assigned Funds								0
Private Donation								0
Enterprise Bonds								0
General Bonds								0
Other - USDA / MDE	100,000	2,000,000						2,100,000
TOTAL	100,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,100,000

If this project will have operating impacts, the fields below will populate from the data that is entered on the Operating Impact Projection tab of this workbook

PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS	0	0	0	0	0			0
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Additional Project Information

Complete the following questions:

What is the useful life of the asset/project?

40 years, based off of estimated

Will this project generate revenue?

No

Are there any grant funds available? If so, through what agency? What is the grant deadline? How much funding will you be requesting through the grant?

No

Does this project qualify for IAC funding or other state funding? If so, what is the status of the funding?

No

Is there a Federal or State mandate related to this project? If so, please elaborate:

No

Are there impacts to the General Fund operating expenditures such as personnel or utilities & maintenance?

No



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February 20, 2026

To: Worcester County Commissioners
From: Karen Hammer, Administrative Assistant V
SUBJECT: Upcoming Board Appointments - Terms Beginning January 1, 2026

Commissioner Bertino – You have Four (4) positions open:

- George Solyak – **Term Ended** – Agricultural Reconciliation Bd.
- J. T. Novak – **Term Ending** – Electrical Examiners Board
- Maria C- Lawrence – **Term Ended** – Housing Review Board
- John Collins – **Term Ending** – W & S Advisory Board – Ocean Pines

Commissioner Purnell – You have Two (2) positions open:

- Nancy Howard – **Termed Out** – Social Services Advisory Board
- Darlene Jackson Bowen – **Resigned** - Commission for Women

Commissioner Bunting - You have Two (2) positions open:

- Mike Poole – **Term Ending** – Building Code Appeals Board
- Harry Hammond – **Term Ended** – Social Services Advisory Bd.

Commissioner Abbott – You have One (1) position open:

- Michelle Goad – **Term Ended** – Commission For Women

Commissioner Mitrećić – You have Three (3) positions open:

- Bill Paul – **Resigned** – Building Code Appeals Board
- Kimberly List – **Termed Out** – Commission for Women
- Rebecca Ferguson – **Resigned** – Social Services Advisory Board



Commissioner Elder – All of your positions are fulfilled. Thank you!

Commissioner Fiori - You have Three (3) positions open:

- Bruce Spangler – **Term Ending** – Ethics Board
- Keith Swanton -**Term Ended** - Water & Sewer Advisory Council, West Ocean City
- Blake Haley – **Term Ended** - Water & Sewer Advisory Council, West Ocean City

All Commissioners:

(4)-Adult Public Guardianship Board -

- 3– Terms Expiring – Dr. Greer, Richard Collins, and Nancy Howard
- 1 – Vacancy – Psychiatrist

(3)-Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council –3- Term Ends – Kim Moses, Rev. Jones, and Alyce Marzola

(2)-Local Development Council for the Ocean Downs Casino-

Previously Expired Terms - **Mark Wittmyer, At-Large** – (Suggested Replacement), and **David Massey (At-Large-Business O.P.)**.

(1)- Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board - Alternate Seat Vacancy

**(1) – Social Services Advisory Board – Commissioner Diana Purnell has served the maximum term.
This Board requires one member to be a commissioner.**

(1) – Solid Waste Advisory Board - Town of Berlin member – James Charles’s term is ending.

(2)- Water and Sewer Advisory Council- West Ocean City- 1 Term Ended Dec. 2021 – Keith Swanton and Blake Haley

(4- Total): Commission for Women:

(2)– Laura Morrison – Resigned (At Large); Darlene Jackson Bowen – Resigned (Purnell)

(1) – Dismissal – Michelle Goad (Abbott)

(1) - Currently Termed Out - Kimberly List (Mitrecic)

ADULT PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP BOARD

Reference: PGL Family Law 14-402, Annotated Code of Maryland

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Advisory
Perform 6-month reviews of all guardianships held by a public agency.
Recommend that the guardianship be continued, modified or terminated.

Number/Term: 1 1/3 year terms
Terms expire December 31st

Compensation: None, travel expenses (under Standard State Travel Regulations)

Meetings: Semi-annually

Special Provisions: 1 member must be a professional representative of the local department
1 member must be a physician
1 member must be a psychiatrist from the local department of health
1 member must be a representative of a local commission on aging
1 member must be a representative of a local nonprofit social services organization
1 member must be a lawyer
2 members must be lay individuals
1 member must be a public health nurse
1 member must be a professional in the field of disability
1 member must be a person with a physical disability

Staff Contact: Department of Social Services - Roberta Baldwin (410-677-6872)

Current Members:

<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
Roberta Baldwin	Local Dept. Rep. - Social Services	03-06-09-12-15-18-21-24-27
Melissa Banks	Public Health Nurse	*02-03-06-09-12-15-18-21-24-27
Dr. William Greer	Physician	07-10-13-16-19-22-25 Term Exp.
Richard Collins	Lawyer	95-16-19-22-25 Term Exp.
Nancy Howard	Lay Person	*17-19, 19-22-25 Term Exp.
Brandy Trader	Comm. On Aging	*15-17, 17-20, 20-23-26
Stephanie James	Wor. Co. Dev. Center	23-26
Vacancy	Psychiatrist	
Tina Dykes	Commission on Aging Rep.	25-28

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term

Reference: Public Local Law § ZS 1-346 (Right to Farm Law)

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Regulatory
 Mediate and arbitrate disputes involving agricultural or forestry operations conducted on agricultural lands and issue opinions on whether such agricultural or forestry operations are conducted in a manner consistent with generally accepted agricultural or forestry practices and to issue orders and resolve disputes and complaints brought under the Worcester County Right to Farm Law.

Number/Term: 5 Members/4-Year Terms - Terms expire December 31st

Compensation: None - Expense Reimbursement as provided by County Commissioners

Meetings: At least one time per year, more frequently as necessary

Special Provisions: - All members must be County residents
 - Two Members chosen from nominees of Worcester County Farm Bureau
 - One Member chosen from nominees of Worcester County Forestry Board
 - Not less than 2 but not more than 3 members shall be engaged in the agricultural or forestry industries (**At-Large members - non-ag/forestry**)

Staff Contact: Dept. of Development Review & Permitting
 - Jennifer Keener (410-632-1200)
 County Agricultural Extension Agent - As Consultant to the Board
 - Doug Jones, District Manager, Resource Conservation District - (632-3109, x112)

Current Members:

<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Ag/Forest Industry</u>	<u>Resides</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
George Solyak	At-Large	No	Ocean Pines	18-22
Dean Ennis	Farm Bureau	Yes	Pocomoke	06-10-14-18-22-26
Tom Babcock	At-Large	No	Whaleyville	14-18-22-26
Stacey Esham	Forestry Bd.	Yes	Berlin	12-16-20-24-28
Brooks Clayville	Farm Bureau	Yes	Snow Hill	00-04-08-12-16-20-24-28

Prior Members: Since 2000

- Michael Beauchamp (00-06)
- Phyllis Davis (00-09)
- Richard G. Holland, Sr. (00-12)
- Rosalie Smith (00-14)
- Betty McDermott *(09-17)

* = Initial terms staggered

BUILDING CODE APPEALS BOARD

Reference: PGL - Public Safety Article - Section 12-501 - 12-508 - Annotated Code of Maryland
COMAR 05.02.07 (Maryland Building Performance Standards)
- International Building Code, International Residential Code

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Quasi-Judicial
Hear and decide upon appeals of the provisions of the International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code for one- and two-family dwellings (IRC)

Number/Term: 7/4-year terms
Terms expire December 31

Compensation: \$100 per meeting (by policy)

Meetings: As Needed

Special Provisions: Members shall be qualified by reason of experience, training or formal education in building construction or the construction trades.

Staff Contact: Jennifer Keener, Director
Development Review & Permitting (410-632-1200, ext. 1123)

Current Members:

<u>Member=s Name</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Resides</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
Bill Paul	D-7 - Mitrecic	Ocean Pines	15-19-23 Resigned
Mike Poole	D-6 - Bunting	Bishopville	17-21, 21-25
Mark Bargar	D-4 - Elder	Berlin	14-18-22-26
Jim Wilson	D-3 - Fiori	Berlin	02-06-10-14-18-22-26
Elbert Davis	D-2 - Purnell	Snow Hill	*03-07-11-15-19-23-27
James Spicknall	D-5 - Bertino	Ocean Pines	04-08-12-16-20-24-28
Mark Frostrom, Jr.	D-1 - Abbott	Pocomoke	26-30

Prior Members:

Robert L. Cowger, Jr. (92-95)
Charlotte Henry (92-97)
Robert Purcell (92-98)
Edward DeShields (92-03)
Sumei Prete (97-04)
Shane C. Spain (03-14)
Dominic Brunori (92-15)
Richard P. Mueller (98-17)
Kevin Holland (96-24)

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term

Reference: PGL Health-General, Section 8-1001

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Functions: Advisory
Develop and implement a plan for meeting the needs of the general public and the criminal justice system for alcohol and drug abuse evaluation, prevention and treatment services.

Number/Term: At least 18 - At least 7 At-Large, and 11 ex-officio (also several non-voting members)
At-Large members serve 4-year terms; Terms expire December 31

Compensation: None

Meetings: As Necessary

Special Provisions: Former Alcohol and Other Drugs Task Force was converted to Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council on October 5, 2004.

Staff Contact: Regina Mason, Council Secretary, Health Department (410-632-1100)
Doug Dods, Council Chair, Sheriff=s Office (410-632-1111)

Current Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
	<u>At-Large Members</u>	
Kim Moses	Knowledgeable on Substance Abuse Issues	08-12-16-20, 20-24
Rev. James Jones	Knowledge of Substance Abuse Issues	*21-25
Alyce Marzola	Knowledge of Substance Abuse Treatment	*24-25
Sue Abell-Rodden	Recipient of Addictions Treatment Services	10-14-18-22-26
Colonel Doug Dods	Knowledgeable on Substance Abuse Issues	04-10 (adv)-14-18-22-26
Jim Freeman, Jr.	Knowledgeable on Substance Abuse Issues	04-11-15, 15-19-23-27
Mimi Dean	Substance Abuse Prevention Provider	*18-19-23-27
Michael Trader	Knowledgeable on Substance Abuse Issues	23-27
Matthew Giardina	Knowledgeable on Substance Abuse Issues	24-28
Julie Rayne	Substance Abuse Treatment Provider	26-30

Ex-Officio Members

Rebecca Jones	Health Officer	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Roberta Baldwin	Social Services Director	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Crystal Duffy	Juvenile Services, Regional Director	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Travis Knapp	Field Supervisor	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Kris Heiser	State’s Attorney	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Chasity Simpson	District Public Defender	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Sheriff Matt Crisafulli	County Sheriff	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Todd Ferrante	Board of Education President	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Diana Purnell	County Commissioners	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Judge Brian Shockley (Jen Bauman)	Circuit Court Administrative Judge	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Hon. Melvin Jews	District Court Administrative Judge	Ex-Officio, Indefinite
Timothy Mulligan	Warden, Worcester County Jail	Ex-Officio, Indefinite

Advisory Members

* Appointed to a partial term for proper staggering, or to fill a vacant term

BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

Reference: Public Local Law BR '2-203

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Regulatory
Regulate licensing of electricians in Worcester County.

Number/Term: 7/3 years
Terms expire December 31st

Compensation: \$100 meeting for expenses (as determined by County Commissioners)

Meetings: As Needed (1 per month)

Special Provisions: 1 must be electrical contractor in Worcester County for 5-years prior.
1 must be electrician in Worcester County.
All must be residents of Worcester County.

Staff Contact: Department of Development Review & Permitting
Deborah Mooney 410-632-1200

Current Members:

<u>Member=s Name</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Resides</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
J.T. Novak (ME-5)	D-5, Bertino	Ocean Pines	07-10-13-16-19-22-25
Kenneth Lambertson (ME-5)	D-1, Abbott	Pocomoke	96-11-14-17-20-23-26
Michael Patchett (ME-5)	D-7, Mitrecic	West Ocean City	08-11-14-17-20-23-26
Steve Kolarik (ME)	D-6, Bunting	Bishopville	12-21-24-27
Duane Duncan (ME-5)	D-3, Fiori	Berlin	*05-12-15-18-21-24-27
Roy M. Case (ME)	D-2, Purnell	Berlin	10-13-16-19-22-25-28
Carl Smith (ME-5)	D-4, Elder	Snow Hill	98-10-13-16-19-22-25-28

(Key: ME-5 = Master Electrician at least 5-years; ME = Master Electrician; EL = Electrician Limited)

Prior Members: (Since 1972)

Harrison Lambertson	Elwood Bunting
William Molnar	W. Prentiss Howard
Thomas Ashby	Frank Bradshaw (90-96)
Billy Burton Cropper	H. Coston Gladding (90-96)
Alonza Anderson	Willard W. Ward (92-97)
Gus Foltz	Walter Ward (92-98)
Robert Conner	Dale Venable (94-00)
Gus Payne	Gary Frick (96-03)
Robert Farley	Thomas Duncan (02-05)
Mike Costanza	Mike Henderson (00-06)
Herbert Brittingham	Brent Pokrywka (02-07)
Otho Mariner	Joel Watsky (03-08)
Mark Odachowski	Bob Arnold (97-10)
Howard Pusey	Jamie Englishmen (06-12)

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term

ETHICS BOARD

Reference: Public Local Law, Section CG 5-103

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Advisory
 Maintain all Ethics forms; develop procedures and policies for advisory opinions to persons subject to the Ethics Law and for processing complaints alleging violations of the Ethics Law; conduct a public information program regarding the purpose and application of the Ethics Law; annually certify compliance to the State; and recommend any changes to the Commissioners in order to comply with State Ethics Law.

Number/Term: 7/4 years
 Terms expire December 31st

Compensation: \$100 per meeting

Meetings: As Necessary

Special Provisions:

Staff Contact: Roscoe Leslie, County Attorney (410-632-1194)

Current Members:

<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Resides</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
Bruce Spangler	D-3, Fiori	Berlin	*02-05-09-13-17-21-25
Iola Tariq	D-2, Purnell	Berlin	*22-26
Mickey Ashby	D-1, Abbott	Pocomoke	14-18-22-26
David Deutsch	D-6, Bunting	Ocean Pines	17-21-23-27
Frank Knight	D-7, Mitreic	Ocean City	*14-19-23-27
Judy Giffin	D-5, Bertino	Ocean Pines	*21-24-28
Joseph Stigler	D-4, Elder	Berlin	16-20-24-28

Prior Members: (Since 1972)

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| J.D. Quillin, III | Walter Kissel (05-09) |
| Charles Nelson | Marion Chambers (07-11) |
| Garbriel Purnell | Jay Knerr (11-14) |
| Barbara Derrickson | Robert I. Givens, Jr. (98-14) |
| Henry P. Walters | Diana Purnell (09-14) |
| William Long | Kevin Douglas (08-16) |
| L. Richard Phillips (93-98) | Lee W. Baker (08-16) |
| Marigold Henry (94-98) | Richard Passwater (09-17) |
| Louis Granados (94-99) | Jeff Knepper (16-21) |
| Kathy Philips (90-00) | Faith Mumford (14-22) |
| Mary Yenney (98-05) | |
| Bill Ochse (99-07) | |
| Randall Mariner (00-08) | |
| Wallace D. Stein (02-08) | |
| William Kuhn (90-09) | |

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term

HOUSING REVIEW BOARD

Reference: Public Local Law 'BR 3-104

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Regulatory/Advisory
To decide on appeals of code official=s actions regarding the Rental Housing Code. Decide on variances to the Rental Housing Code. Review Housing Assistance Programs.

Number/Term 7/3-year terms
Terms expire December 31st

Compensation: \$100 per meeting (policy)

Meetings: As Needed

Special Provisions: Immediate removal by Commissioners for failure to attend meetings.

Staff Support: Development Review & Permitting Department
Davida Washington, Housing Program Administrator - 410-632-1200

Ext: 1171

Current Members:

<u>Member=s Name</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Resides</u>	<u>Years of Terms(s)</u>
Maria Campione-Lawrence	D-5, Bertino	Ocean Pines	*22-23
Don Furbay	D-3, Fiori	W. Ocean City	23-26
Charlie Murphy	D-7, Mitrecic	Ocean City	*23-26
Carl Smith	D-4, Elder	Snow Hill	24-27
Felicia Green	D-2, Purnell	Ocean Pines	*21-24-27
Debbie Hileman	D-6, Bunting	Ocean Pines	10-13-16-19-22-25-28
Dr. Lynn Duffy	D-1, Abbott	Pocomoke	26-29

Prior Members:

Phyllis Mitchell	Albert Bogdon (02-06)	Scot Tingle 14-24
William Lynch	Jamie Rice (03-07)	Keri Byrd 22-25
Art Rutter	Howard Martin (08)	
William Buchanan	Marlene Ott (02-08)	
Christina Alphonso	Mark Frostrom, Jr. (01-10)	
Elsie Purnell	Joseph McDonald (08-10)	
William Freeman	Sherwood Brooks (03-12)	
Jack Dill	Otho Mariner (95-13)	
Elbert Davis	Becky Flater (13-14)	
J. D. Quillin, III (90-96)	Ruth Waters (12-15)	
Ted Ward (94-00)	John Glorioso (*06-19)	
Larry Duffy (90-00)	Sharon Teagle (00- 20)	
Patricia McMullen (00-02)	Davida Washington (*21-21)	
William Merrill (90-01)	Donna Dillion (08-22)	
Debbie Rogers (92-02)	C.D. Hall 10-22	
Wardie Jarvis, Jr. (96-03)	Chase Church (*19-22)	
	Jake Mitrecic (15-21)	

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
FOR THE OCEAN DOWNS CASINO**

ITEM 13

Reference: Subsection 9-1A-31(c) - State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Advisory
Review and comment on the multi-year plan for the expenditure of the local impact grant funds from video lottery facility proceeds for specified public services and improvements; Advise the County on the impact of the video lottery facility on the communities and the needs and priorities of the communities in the immediate proximity to the facility.

Number/Term: 15/4-year terms; Terms Expire December 31

Compensation: None

Meetings: At least semi-annually

Special Provisions: Membership to include State Delegation (or their designee); one representative of the Ocean Downs Video Lottery Facility, seven residents of communities in immediate proximity to Ocean Downs, and four business or institution representatives located in immediate proximity to Ocean Downs.

Staff Contacts: Kim Moses, Public Information Officer, 410-632-1194
Roscoe Leslie, County Attorney, 410-632-1194

Current Members:

<u>Member=s Name</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Represents/Resides</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
Mark Wittmyer	At-Large	Business - Ocean Pines	15-19
David Massey ^c	At-Large	Business - Ocean Pines	09-13-17, 17-21
Bobbi Jones	Ocean Downs Casino	Ocean Downs Casino	23-indefinite
Mary Beth Carozza	Indefinite	Maryland Senator	14-indefinite
Wayne A. Hartman	Indefinite	Maryland Delegate	18-indefinite
Charles Otto	Indefinite	Maryland Delegate	14-indefinite
Matt Gordon	Dist. 1 – Abbott	Resident - Pocomoke	19-22, 22-26
Ivy Wells	Dist. 3 - Church	Resident - Berlin	22-26
Cam Bunting ^c	At-Large	Business - Berlin	*09-10-14-18-22-26
Roxane Rounds	Dist. 2 - Purnell	Resident - Berlin	*14-15-19-23-27
Michael Donnelly	Dist. 7 - Mitrecic	Resident - Ocean City	*16-19-23-27
Kerrie Bunting	Dist. 4 - Elder	Resident - Snow Hill	*22-24-28
Mayor Rick Meehan ^c	At-Large	Business - Ocean City	*09-12-16-20-24-28
Tina Kolarik	Dist. 6 - Bunting	Resident -Bishopville	24-28
Bob Gilmore	Dist. 5 - Bertino	Resident - Ocean Pines	*19-21, 21-25-29

Prior Members:

J. Lowell Stoltzfus ^c (09-10)
 Mark Wittmyer ^c (09-11)
 John Salm ^c (09-12)
 Mike Pruitt ^c (09-12)
 Norman H. Conway ^c (09-14)
 Michael McDermott (10-14)
 Diana Purnell ^c (09-14)
 Linda Dearing (11-15)
 Todd Ferrante ^c (09-16)

Since 2009

Joe Cavilla (12-17)
 James N. Mathias, Jr. ^c (09-18)
 Ron Taylor ^c (09-14)
 James Rosenberg (09-19)
 Rod Murray ^c (*09-19)
 Gary Weber (*19-21)

Charlie Dorman (12-19)
 Gee Williams (09-21)
 Bobbi Sample (17-23)
 Steve Ashcraft (19-24)

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term/initial terms staggered
^c = Charter Member

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Reference: Human Services Article - Annotated Code of Maryland - Section 3-501

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Functions: Advisory
 Review activities of the local Social Services Department and make recommendations to the State Department of Human Resources.
 Act as liaison between Social Services Dept. and County Commissioners.
 Advocate social services programs on local, state and federal level.

Number/Term: 9 to 13 members/3 years
 Terms expire June 30th

Compensation: None - (Reasonable Expenses for attending meetings/official duties)

Meetings: 1 per month (Except June, July, August)

Special Provisions: Members to be persons with high degree of interest, capacity & objectivity, who in aggregate give a countywide representative character.
 Maximum 2 consecutive terms, minimum 1-year between reappointment
 Members must attend at least 50% of meetings
 One member (ex officio) must be a County Commissioner
 Except County Commissioner, members may not hold public office.

Staff Contact: Roberta Baldwin, Director of Social Services - (410-677-6806)

Current Members:

<u>Member=s Name</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Resides</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
Harry Hammond	D-6, Bunting	Bishopville	15-21, 21- 24 Term Expired
Shelly Daniels	D-1, Abbott	Pocomoke City	22-25
Rebecca Colt-Ferguson	D-7, Mitrecic	Ocean City	22-25 Resigned
Janice Chiampa	D-5, Bertino	Ocean Pines	22-25
Diana Purnell	ex officio - Commissioner		14-18-22-25 Term Expired
Margaret Labesky	D-4, Elder	Snow Hill	23-26
Nancy Howard	D-2, Purnell	Ocean City	09-16-17-20-23-26 Term Expired
Mary Beth Quillen	At-Large	Snow Hill	25-28
Aves Ruffin-Jutis	D-3, Fiori	Pocomoke	25-28

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term

Reference: County Commissioners= Resolution 5/17/94 and 03-6 on 2/18/03

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Advisory
Review and comment on Solid Waste Management Plan, Recycling Plan, plans for solid waste disposal sites/facilities, plans for closeout of landfills, and to make recommendations on tipping fees.

Number/Term: 11/4-year terms; Terms expire December 31st.

Compensation: \$100 per meeting expense allowance, subject to annual appropriation

Meetings: At least quarterly

Special Provisions: One member nominated by each County Commissioner; and one member appointed by County Commissioners upon nomination from each of the four incorporated towns.

Staff Support: Solid Waste - Solid Waste Superintendent – David Candy - (410-632-3177)
Solid Waste - Recycling Coordinator – Bob Keenan - (410-632-3177)
Department of Public Works - Dallas Baker- (410-632-5623)

Current Members:

<u>Member-s Name</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Resides</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
James Charles	Town of Berlin		21-25
Bob Gilmore	D-5, Bertino	Ocean Pines	*21-22, 22-26
George Linvill	D-1, Abbott	Pocomoke	14-18-22-26
George Dix	D-4, Elder	Snow Hill	*10-18-22-26
John O’Brien	D-6, Bunting	Bishopville	*22-23-27
Don Furbay	D-3, Fiori	Berlin	20-24-28
Granville Jones	D-7, Mitrecic	Berlin	*15-16-20-24-28
Mike Wyatt	Town of Pocomoke City		24-28
Aaron Lumpkins	Town of Snow Hill		25-29
Vaughn White	D-2, Purnell	Berlin	*19-21, 21-25-29
Brain Scarborough	Town of Ocean City		21-25-29

Prior Members: (Since 1994)

Ron Cascio (94-96)
 Roger Vacovsky, Jr. (94-96)
 Lila Hackim (95-97)
 Raymond Jackson (94-97)
 William Turner (94-97)
 Vernon ACorey@ Davis, Jr. (96-98)
 Robert Mangum (94-98)
 Richard Rau (94-96)
 Jim Doughty (96-99)
 Jack Peacock (94-00)
 Hale Harrison (94-00)
 Richard Malone (94-01)
 William McDermott (98-03)
 Fred Joyner (99-03)
 Hugh McFadden (98-05)
 Dale Pruitt (97-05)

Frederick Stiehl (05-06)
 Eric Mullins (03-07)
 Mayor Tom Cardinale (05-08)
 William Breedlove (02-09)
 Lester D. Shockley (03-10)
 Woody Shockley (01-10)
 John C. Dorman (07-10)
 Robert Hawkins (94-11)
 Victor Beard (97-11)
 Mike Gibbons (09-14)
 Hank Westfall (00-14)
 Marion Butler, Sr. (00-14)
 Robert Clarke (11-15)
 Bob Donnelly (11-15)
 Howard Sribnick (10-16)
 Dave Wheaton (14-16)
 Wendell Purnell (97-18)
 George Tasker (*15-20)

Rodney Bailey *19
 Steve Brown *10-19
 Bob Augustine 16-19
 Michael Pruitt *15-19
 James Rosenburg (*06-19)
 Jamey Latchum *17-19
 Hal Adkins (*20-21)
 Mike Poole (11-22)
 Michelle B-El Soloh (*19-24)
 Michael Pruitt (*22-24)

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term

**WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COUNCIL
OCEAN PINES SERVICE AREA**

Reference: County Commissioners' Resolution of November 19, 1993

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Advisory
Advise Commissioners on water and sewer needs of the Service Area; review amendments to Water and Sewer Plan; make recommendations on policies and procedures; review and recommend charges and fees; review annual budget for the service area.

Number/Term: 5/4-year terms
Terms Expire December 31

Compensation: \$100.00/ Meeting

Meetings: Monthly

Special Provisions: Must be residents of Ocean Pines Service Area

Staff Support: Department of Public Works - Water and Wastewater Division
Chris Clasing- (410-641-5251)

Current Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Resides</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
John F. (Jack) Collins, Jr.	Ocean Pines	*18-21, 21-25
William Gabeler	Ocean Pines	22 - 26
Robert Kane	Ocean Pines	22-26
James Spicknall	Ocean Pines	07-10-14-18-22-26
Frederick Stiehl	Ocean Pines	*06-24, 24-28

Prior Members: (Since 1993)

- Andrew Bosco (93-95)
- Richard Brady (96-96, 03-04)
- Michael Robbins (93-99)
- Alfred Lotz (93-03)
- Ernest Armstrong (93-04)
- Jack Reed (93-06)
- Fred Henderson (04-06)
- E. A. "Bud" Rogner (96-07)
- David Walter (06-07)
- Darwin "Dart" Way, Jr. (99-08)
- Aris Spengos (04-14)
- Gail Blazer (07-17)
- Mike Hegarty (08-17)
- Michael Reilly (14-18)
- Bob Poremski (17-20)
- Gregory Sauter (17-21)

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term

WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COUNCIL WEST OCEAN CITY SERVICE AREA

Reference: County Commissioners= Resolution of November 19, 1993

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Advisory
Advise Commissioners on water and sewer needs of the Service Area; review amendments to Water and Sewer Plan; make recommendations on policies and procedures; review and recommend charges and fees; review annual budget for the service area.

Number/Term: 5/4-year terms
Terms Expire December 31

Compensation: \$100.00/Meeting

Meetings: Monthly

Special Provisions: Must be residents/ratepayers of West Ocean City Service Area

Staff Support: Department of Public Works - Water and Wastewater Division
Chris Clasing - (410-641-5251)

Current Members:

<u>Member=s Name</u>	<u>Resides/Ratepayer of</u>	<u>Terms (Years)</u>
Keith Swanton	West Ocean City	13-17, 17-21
Blake Haley	West Ocean City	*19-20, 20-24
Gail Fowler	West Ocean City	99-23-27
Deborah Stanley	West Ocean City	95-23-27
Todd Ferrante	West Ocean City	13-17-21-25-29

Prior Members: (Since 1993)

Eleanor Kelly ^c (93-96)	Andrew Delcorro (*14-19)
John Mick ^c (93-95)	
Frank Gunion ^c (93-96)	
Carolyn Cummins (95-99)	
Roger Horth (96-04)	
Whaley Brittingham ^c (93-13)	
Ralph Giove ^c (93-14)	
Chris Smack (04-14)	

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term
c = Charter member

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Reference: Public Local Law CG 6-101

Appointed by: County Commissioners

Function: Advisory

Number/Term: 11/3-year terms; Terms Expire December 31

Compensation: None

Meetings: At least monthly (3rd Tuesday at 5:30 PM - alternating between Berlin and Snow Hill)

Special Provisions: **7 district members**, one from each Commissioner District
 4 At-large members, nominations from women=s organizations & citizens
 4 Ex-Officio members, one each from the following departments: Social Services, Health & Mental Hygiene, Board of Education, Public Safety
 No member shall serve more than six consecutive years

Contact: Susan Ostrowski, Chair, and Jocelyn Briddell, Secretary
 Worcester County Commission for Women - P.O. Box 211, Snow Hill, MD 21863

Current Members:

<u>Member=s Name</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Resides</u>	<u>Years of Term(s)</u>
Kimberly List	D-7, Mitrecic	Ocean City	18- 21-24 Termed Out
Jocelyn Briddell	At-Large	Berlin	23-26
Laura Morrison	At-Large	Pocomoke	*19-20-23-26 Resigned
Crystal Bell, MPA	Health Department		*22-23-26
Jeannine Jerscheid	Public Safety – Sheriff’s Office		23-26
Sharnell Tull	At-Large	Pocomoke	23 -26
Susan Ostrowski	D-6, Bunting	Berlin	24-27
Dorothy Shelton-Leslie	D-5, Bertino	Ocean Pines	24-27
Dr. Darlene Jackson- Bowen	D-2, Purnell	Pocomoke	*19-21-24-27 Resigned
Michelle Goad	D-1, Abbott	Pocomoke City	25-28 - Dismissal
Cheryl Middleton	At-Large	West O. City	25-28
Kelsey Moran	Dept of Social Services		25-28
Ann Fletcher	D-3, Fiori	Berlin	25-28
Dawn Gears	D-4, Elder	Berlin	25-28
Sarah Blackburn	Board of Education		26-29

Prior Members: Since 1995

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| Ellen Pilchard ^c (95-97) | Marie Velong ^c (95-99) | Christine Selzer (03) |
| Helen Henson ^c (95-97) | Carole P. Voss (98-00) | Linda C. Busick (00-03) |
| Barbara Beaubien ^c (95-97) | Martha Bennett (97-00) | Gloria Bassich (98-03) |
| Sandy Wilkinson ^c (95-97) | Patricia Ilczuk-Lavanceau (98-99) | Carolyn Porter (01-04) |
| Helen Fisher ^c (95-98) | Lil Wilkinson (00-01) | Martha Pusey (97-03) |
| Bernard Bond ^c (95-98) | Diana Purnell ^c (95-01) | Teole Brittingham (97-04) |
| Jo Campbell ^c (95-98) | Colleen McGuire (99-01) | Catherine W. Stevens (02-04) |
| Karen Holck ^c (95-98) | Wendy Boggs McGill (00-02) | Hattie Beckwith (00-04) |
| Judy Boggs ^c (95-98) | Lynne Boyd (98-01) | Mary Ann Bennett (98-04) |
| Mary Elizabeth Fears ^c (95-98) | Barbara Trader ^c (95-02) | Rita Vaeth (03-04) |
| Pamela McCabe ^c (95-98) | Heather Cook (01-02) | |
| Teresa Hammerbacher ^c (95-98) | Vyoletus Ayres (98-03) | |
| Bonnie Platter (98-00) | Terri Taylor (01-03) | |

* = Appointed to fill an unexpired term
 c = Charter member



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TO: The Salisbury Daily Times and OC Today Dispatch Group
FROM: Candace Savage, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
DATE: February 26, 2026
SUBJECT: Worcester County Public Hearing Notice

Please print the below Public Hearing Notice in The Salisbury Daily Times and Ocean City Digest/OC Today Dispatch on February 5, 2026 and February 12, 2026. Thank you.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF BILL 25-07
WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Take Notice that Bill 25-07 (Zoning – Off-street parking clear height) was introduced by Commissioners Bertino, Bunting, Elder, Fiori, Mitrecic, and Purnell on November 18, 2025. A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

Add a new subsection § ZS 1-320(b)(2) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to establish a minimum clear height for required off-street parking provided in an enclosed or covered structure in two-family, multi-family, and townhouse dwelling units.

A Public Hearing will be held at the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Room 1101 – Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, Maryland on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 10:30 AM.

This is only a fair summary of the bill. A full copy of the bill is available for public inspection in the main hall of the Worcester County Government Center outside Room 1103. In addition, a full copy of the bill is available on the county website at www.co.worcester.md.us.

THE WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL 25-07

BY: Commissioners Bertino, Bunting, Elder, Fiori, Mitrecic, and Purnell
INTRODUCED: November 18, 2025

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT Concerning

Zoning – Off-street parking clear height

For the purpose of amending the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to require a minimum clear height for off-street parking provided in an enclosed structure in two-family, multi-family, and townhouse dwelling units.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that a new Subsection § ZS 1-320(b)(2) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be enacted to read as follows:

- (2) For two-family, multi-family and townhouse dwelling units, required off-street parking located within a covered or enclosed structure shall maintain a minimum clear height of seven feet at the entry point and within the enclosure while any garage door is in the open position.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this Bill shall take effect forty-five (45) days from the date of its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Weston S. Young, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Jennifer K. Keener, AICP, Director
Date: November 6, 2025
Re: Bill Introduction – New § ZS 1-320(b)(2) - Off-street Parking – Clearance Height

On November 6, 2025, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed text amendment prepared by staff on behalf of the Worcester County Commissioners. The amendment sets a minimum clear height of seven feet for covered or enclosed structures when associated with required residential off-street parking for two-family, multi-family and townhouse dwelling units. The Planning Commission gave a unanimous favorable recommendation. A copy of the draft bill is attached for your consideration.

At this time, I am requesting that the item be scheduled for the County Commissioner's consideration for introduction at an upcoming meeting. If at least one County Commissioner introduces the amendment as a bill, then a public hearing date will be set for the Commissioners to obtain public input prior to acting on the request.

cc: Matt Laick, Deputy Director
Kristen Tremblay, Zoning Administrator
Roscoe Leslie, County Attorney
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MEMORANDUM

To: Worcester County Planning Commission
From: Jennifer Keener, AICP, Director
Date: October 9, 2025
Re: Text Amendment– New § ZS 1-320(b)(2) - Off-street Parking – Clearance Height

At the direction of the Worcester County Commissioners, I have prepared the attached text amendment to the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article. The amendment sets a minimum clear height of seven feet for covered or enclosed structures when associated with required residential off-street parking for two-family, multi-family and townhouse dwelling units.

An issue has arisen within a residential townhouse development currently under construction where the required off-street parking was provided within the garage. In this particular situation, the clearance is 7' 0.5" from apron to garage frame as measured on a sample unit. The inspector advised that the components of the garage door did not set flush with the opening when in an open position, so it resulted in a 6' 8.5" measurement to the interior garage slab. As a result, a significant number of owners/tenants are unable to physically park their vehicles in the garage. This exacerbates parking elsewhere in the community.

In the past, DRP has found that mechanical equipment, steps, and other features within the garage tend to encroach into the area designated for parking. Therefore, in more recent developments, staff have encouraged the required off-street parking to be designated exterior to the unit, even though a garage is provided. If required off-street parking was provided in the driveway, the garage would not have to comply with this provision.

The Planning Commission shall review the bill and make a recommendation to the Worcester County Commissioners (favorable or unfavorable) and can make recommendations for changes to the proposed language. If at least one County Commissioner introduces the amendment as a bill, then a public hearing date will be set for the Commissioners to obtain public input prior to acting on the request.

As always, I will be available at your upcoming meeting to discuss any questions or concerns that you have regarding the proposed amendment.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL 25-__

BY:
INTRODUCED:

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT Concerning

Zoning – Off-street parking clear height

For the purpose of amending the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to require a minimum clear height for off-street parking provided in an enclosed structure in two-family, multi-family, and townhouse dwelling units.

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Subtitle ZS1:III. Supplementary Districts and District Regulations

§ ZS 1-320. Off-street parking areas.

(b) Parking space dimensions. Every off-street parking space, with the exception of parking spaces reserved for the handicapped, shall measure as follows:

Type of Space	Width (feet)	Length (feet)
Typical space	10	20
Parallel space	10	23
For commercial facilities over 50,000 square feet in gross floor area and for park and ride facilities:		
Not less than 60 percent	10	18
Not more than 40 percent	9	18

- (1) The length of a typical parking space may be reduced from twenty feet in length to eighteen feet in length with a two-foot overhang into a landscaping strip at the head of the parking space, provided that the Department has determined that this landscaping is not necessary to meet the minimum requirements for landscaping as specified elsewhere in this Title and provided that the encroachment does not reduce the width of a buffer strip prescribed by this Title.



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TO: The Salisbury Daily Times and OC Today Dispatch Group
FROM: Candace Savage, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
DATE: February 26, 2026
SUBJECT: Worcester County Public Hearing Notice

Please print the below Public Hearing Notice in The Salisbury Daily Times and Ocean City Digest/OC Today Dispatch on February 5, 2026 and February 12, 2026. Thank you.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF BILL 26-01
WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Take Notice that Bill 26-01 (Zoning – Short-term rentals) was introduced by Commissioners Abbott, Fiori, Mitrecic, and Purnell on January 20, 2026. A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

Repeal and replace subsection § ZS 1-351(b)(5) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to modify the effective date at which a third parking space shall be provided for a short-term rental property to January 1, 2026.

A Public Hearing will be held at the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Room 1101 – Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, Maryland on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 10:35 AM.

This is only a fair summary of the bill. A full copy of the bill is available for public inspection in the main hall of the Worcester County Government Center outside Room 1103. In addition, a full copy of the bill is available on the county website at www.co.worcester.md.us.

THE WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL 26-01

BY: Commissioners Abbott, Fiori, Mitrecic, and Purnell
INTRODUCED: January 20, 2026

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT Concerning

Zoning – Short-term rentals

For the purpose of amending the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to modify the effective date at which a third parking space shall be provided for a short-term rental property.

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- (5) One additional off-street parking space beyond that required by the provisions of § ZS 1-320(a) shall be provided for all short-term rental structures for which a building permit application is received after ~~the effective date of this section~~ JANUARY 1, 2026.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this Bill shall take effect forty-five (45) days from the date of its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Weston S. Young, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Jennifer K. Keener, AICP, Director
Date: January 13, 2026
Re: Bill Introduction – Modify § ZS 1-351(b)(5) – Short-term rental third parking space

On January 8, 2026, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed text amendment submitted by Christy Agnese, property owner within the Landings subdivision. The amendment modifies the effective date at which a third parking space shall be provided for a short-term rental property, from January 1, 2020 (effective date of the rental regulations) to January 1, 2026.

The Planning Commission gave a unanimous unfavorable recommendation to the amendment as written. They requested that staff and the County Attorney attempt to draft language that would accommodate the licensed properties that had short-term rental licenses revoked because of staff error in the enforcement of the code. Following the meeting, staff and the County Attorney conferred and determined that such an exemption is unfeasible. A copy of the draft bill is attached for your consideration.

At this time, I am requesting that the item be scheduled for the County Commissioner's consideration for introduction at an upcoming meeting. If at least one County Commissioner introduces the amendment as a bill, then a public hearing date will be set for the Commissioners to obtain public input prior to acting on the request.

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Ms. Christy Agnese, applicant, was present for the review. Ms. Agnese stated that she is seeking to change § ZS 1-351(b)(5) to change the effective date of the third parking space provision from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2026. She noted that the language was developed in conjunction with county input to attempt to resolve an issue that the Landings community was facing for those who built homes post-2020 and had short-term rental licenses revoked. She highlighted key points from the detailed letter that was submitted with the application. She explained her process in purchasing the townhouse unit and applying for a short-term rental license.

Ms. Agnese claims that enforcement and code interpretation pertaining to the third parking space provision changed last summer, which resulted in short-term licenses being revoked within their community. She stated that this is financially impactful, as many rely on short-term rental income to make homeownership a reality. It was her opinion that for five years (between 2020 and 2025) short-

term licenses were issued in several communities on the assumption that community parking met the third parking space requirement. A site plan with the overall parking layout for the community was provided as part of her short-term rental license application. Submitted as Applicant's Exhibit No. 1 were emails between her and the developer, and between her and the former Rental License Program Coordinator. While she alleges that this parking plan justifies the availability of a third parking space, there is no indication in the emails that this was a consideration. Staff state in the staff report that the licenses were issued in error.

Ms. Agnese stated that this is an economic hardship, that losing income threatens financial stability and property values. She claimed that everyone who built in the Landings believed that they could participate in short-term rentals if they wanted to. She said that there were 25 short-term rental licenses active in the Landings, and 18 affected properties with post-2020 builds. She noted that this issue also affected another neighborhood in the county. Within the townhouse parcels in the Landings, Ms. Agnese noted that there are 66 non-exclusive parking spaces over the minimum required.

Overall, she stated that requiring exclusive spots within the townhouse community parking, or having single-family homeowners build a third parking space on their lot creates financial hardship and places a burden on the homeowner's association. It also affects potential homeowners who cannot make a financial decision without knowing that spaces have been assigned. She recommended that every home be built to require the third space or not. In closing, she stated that updating the effective date to January 1, 2026, restores fairness, and gives those whose licenses were revoked the ability to restore their short-term rental licenses. She would like to see more education and deeded third parking spaces so that homeowners know what they are purchasing.

For clarification, Mr. Barbierri noted that text amendments apply county wide, and are not geared towards a particular community, so they must keep that in the back of their minds.

Upon questions from the Planning Commission, staff clarified that the rental licenses were issued in error, not because of a change in the interpretation. The licenses that were issued to the single-family homes had no third parking space provided on the respective lot. Staff believe that the code provision was simply overlooked, because the policy for community space allocation for multi-family/ townhouse units was first established with the Sea Oaks Village development. The developer opted to build additional community parking to be able to accommodate 15 short-term rental licenses, though there were more homeowners that wished to rent short-term. The error in the application of the law affected 10 licenses in the Landings that were revoked, 8 single-family lots that were able to permit a third parking space, and 10 licenses in Seaside Village that were revoked. Within the Landings townhouse parcels, there are non-exclusive parking spaces available, but not enough for every unit to be assigned a third space. There had been discussions over the past few months on whether and how the homeowners/ condominium association would be willing to allocate the non-exclusive spaces, and ultimately, they decided not to.

Upon a question by Mr. French, staff confirmed that this amendment would not override a community's ability to prohibit short-term rentals as part of their declarations and covenants. Mr. French voiced concerns about the potential that the language as written could open the door to additional rental licenses beyond just the 20 that were revoked, where someone who didn't have a

license previously could take advantage of an opportunity that hadn't existed. He acknowledged that it was a mistake that was relied on by these homeowners.

Mr. Barbierrri explained that a lot of work went into the legislation in 2019. With his background in emergency services, he's concerned about accessibility to short-term rental areas and blocking emergency access with street parking. He stated that in his opinion, we shouldn't go backwards. He is sorry that this situation happened, but he couldn't vote in support of the amendment.

Upon several questions from the Planning Commission, staff confirmed that a variance couldn't be requested for this situation, nor could we simply grandfather those whose licenses were revoked because they were issued in error. There was discussion on the process for amending the language and narrowly tailoring it to the affected communities or properties.

Following the discussion, Mrs. Wimbrow made a motion for an unfavorable recommendation to the text amendment as specifically written, which was seconded by Mr. Barbierrri. Ms. Ott was opposed, and Mr. French abstained. Therefore, the motion failed for lack of a quorum.

A second motion was made by Mrs. Wimbrow to provide an unfavorable recommendation to the text amendment as specifically written; with a request that staff and the county attorney attempt to draft language that would accommodate the licensed properties that had short-term rental licenses revoked because of staff error in the enforcement of the code. The motion was seconded by Mr. French and carried unanimously.

cc: Christy Agnese, applicant
Matt Laick, Deputy Director
Kristen Tremblay, Zoning Administrator
Roscoe Leslie, County Attorney
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL 26-__

BY:
INTRODUCED:

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT Concerning

Zoning – Short-term rentals

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PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Text Amendment: ZS 1-351(b)(5)
Planning Commission Meeting
January 8, 2026
Gmail

ITEM 15
EXHIBIT 1

Christy Agnese [REDACTED]

Meeting on Friday
3 messages

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 8:30 PM

Christy Agnese [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@ryanhomes.com

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope your 2025 is off to a great start!

We are set to meet with [REDACTED] at 4 pm on this Friday (1/17) for our pre-drywall meeting. We are excited!

Could we come to the office/model before 4 pm to see it since it too is a Mozart?



Also, I will need floor plans drawn to scale with all wall measurements to get the short term rental permit. Do you have these that you could forward to me?

I will also need "a survey or site plan of the property". I am used to receiving this at closing, but wanted to be sure I would have it.

[REDACTED] Could you share a neighborhood plan that shows parking?

[REDACTED]

Thank you so much!

Christy Agnese
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@ryanhomes.com>
To: Christy Agnese [REDACTED]

Thu, Jan 16, 2025 at 12:14 PM

Christy,

Happy 2025! Your home Yes you can come see me at the model beforehand. Attached are the blue prints for each level which show the best measurements I have. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Attached is the site plan for your building. Attached is the site plan that shows the streets and some guest parking. [REDACTED]


[REDACTED]
NV Homes and Ryan Homes | Sr. Sales Representative
Landings at Bayside Townhomes
[REDACTED]


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3 attachments

 Mozart floor plan blue prints.pdf
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 21083-L7-BaysideLandings-Units124-129-SitePlan.pdf
464K

 L7 site availability map 1.10.2025.pdf
1545K

Christy Agnese <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]@ryanhomes.com>

Thu, Jan 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for these attachments. I look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

Christy Agnese
[REDACTED]

[Quoted text hidden]

Hi [redacted]

We are still interested in moving forward and have a few more questions for you.

Could you please confirm that the half bath is on the same level as the kitchen and living room? That is where would want it.

[redacted]

Could we remove the washer, dryer, and fridge from the quote?

Is there a charge for those who rent the property to access amenities? What is that process and how much is it?

If we want to lock in to get the extra 10K before the end of the month, what would we need to do?

[redacted]

Could you confirm the month of delivery. I believe it was March 2025, but wanted to confirm. April 2025 would be fine with us too.

Thank you!!!
Christy

Christy Agnese

[redacted]

[Quoted text hidden]

Sun, Jul 28, 2024 at 9:45 PM

[redacted]@ryanhomes.com>
To: Christy Agnese [redacted]

Christy,

Good evening! See my answers to your questions in the body of your email below. Let me know if you have any additional questions. We can setup a virtual call tomorrow afternoon if you are available after 3:30 pm. Thank you!

[redacted]

Message classified as Business Use Only - NVR by [redacted]

From: Christy Agnese <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 4:18 PM
To: [redacted]@ryanhomes.com>
Subject: [Ext] Re: Options and monthly payment attached

Hi [redacted]

We are still interested in moving forward and have a few more questions for you.

Could you please confirm that the half bath is on the same level as the kitchen and living room? That is where would want it.

Yes that is included. I know it says optional on the floor plan.

Email B : 1 of 2

[Redacted text]

Could we remove the washer, dryer, and fridge from the quote?

Yes of course.

Is there a charge for those who rent the property to access amenities? What is that process and how much is it?



Yes the HOA has a charge each time you rent it to give them access to the amenities. The cost is \$100 per rental I believe . There is a form you fill out for the renter with names, license plates, etc.

If we want to lock in to get the extra 10K before the end of the month, what would we need to do?

Great! Basically we would need to have the contract sent you all and sign the DocuSign contract and pay the first \$10,000 earnest monies deposit. That would lock in the home, how site, and extra incentive.

[Redacted text]

Could you confirm the month of delivery. I believe it was March 2025, but wanted to confirm. April 2025 would be fine with us too.

Yes we are estimating March 2025 delivery date. But it would end up being April depending on sales pace and construction. We will have a better idea in about 60 days from now.

[Quoted text hidden]
[Quoted text hidden]

Christy Agnese [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]@ryanhomes.com>

Mon, Jul 29, 2024 at 7:04 AM

Hi [Redacted]

Thank you! [Redacted] For the \$10k would I mail you a check?

Are you available to meet at 5 pm today?

Christy Agnese
[Redacted]
[Quoted text hidden]

[Redacted]@ryanhomes.com>
To: Christy Agnese <[Redacted]>

Mon, Jul 29, 2024 at 12:43 PM

Christy,

Email B: 2062



Christy Agnese [redacted]

Tax Map Information

5 messages

Sat, Mar 22, 2025 at 1:38 PM

Christy Agnese [redacted]
To: [redacted]@ryanhomes.com>

Hi [redacted]

I'm filling out the rental permit and I need this information. I attached a snip of the form and these are the sections that I need.

Could you please provide this information when you have a moment?

- Tax Map:
- Section:
- Block:
- Lot:
- Unit:

Property Account Identifier - District:
Account Number:

Christy Agnese
[redacted]



← snip of short-term rental permit

[redacted]@ryanhomes.com>
To: Christy Agnese [redacted]

Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 2:45 PM

Christy,

Good afternoon! I was off this weekend. Here it is below. Thanks!

Legal lot: [redacted]
Block and section are blank.
Unit: [redacted]
Tax map: not sure of this answer

[redacted]
NV Homes and Ryan Homes | Sr. Sales Representative
Landings at Bayside Townhomes
D: 240-222-7982

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ITEM 15

Christy Agnese [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@ryanhomes.com>

Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you had a good weekend!

Hmm. Each property does have a tax map number. It is usually listed on the GIS.

I know that our property in NY is Tax I.D. [REDACTED]. I haven't yet seen the tax id for this property. Seeing that type of number, does that help?

Christy Agnese
[REDACTED]

[Quoted text hidden]

[REDACTED]@ryanhomes.com>
To: Christy Agnese [REDACTED]

Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 4:44 PM

Christy,

I am not sure. Does the county have it to give you? Thanks
[Quoted text hidden]

Christy Agnese [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@ryanhomes.com>

Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 5:06 PM

Hi [REDACTED]

When we closed on our property here in NY it was referenced in those documents. I can call the permit office and ask, though.

Christy Agnese
[REDACTED]

[Quoted text hidden]



Christy Agnese [redacted]

Rental License Application Update

4 messages

Stacie Ayres-Ennis <sennis@co.worcester.md.us>

To: [redacted]

Thu, Apr 10, 2025 at 1:35 PM

Christy,

Thank you for submitting a rental license application for [redacted] Coastal Marsh. I know that the application has been in our office since the 1st of April, but my hands are just getting to it. As you are currently not the owners of the property I will not be able to yet process the application until we have proof of purchase or something showing your ownership of the property; such as closing documents or a Deed. Please make sure that when you close tomorrow, that you email me or bring a copy of some proof of ownership to our office. I will process everything on Monday. Have a lovely weekend!

Respectfully,

Stacie Ayres-Ennis

Rental License Program Coordinator

Department of Development, Review, and Permitting

Worcester County Government

One West Market Street, Room 1201

Snow Hill, MD 21863

(410) 632.1200 extention 1189



Christy Agnese [redacted]

To: Stacie Ayres-Ennis <sennis@co.worcester.md.us>

Thu, Apr 10, 2025 at 1:56 PM

Hi Stacie,

Thank you so much for letting me know that I am next in line. I so appreciate it! :)

Yes, I will email you our proof of ownership when we close tomorrow so the application can be processed on Monday.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Christy Agnese



[Quoted text hidden]

Stacie Ayres-Ennis <sennis@co.worcester.md.us>
To: Christy Agnese

Thu, Apr 10, 2025 at 1:58 PM

Hello Christy,

You are most welcome. Enjoy your weekend as well!

Cordially,

Stacie Ayres-Ennis

Rental License Program Coordinator

Department of Development, Review, and Permitting

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WORCESTER COUNTY

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Christy Agnese
To: Stacie Ayres-Ennis <sennis@co.worcester.md.us>

Fri, Apr 11, 2025 at 4:14 PM

Hi Stacie,

We closed! What a crazy and rainy day it has been.

I have attached the deed to this email. Please let me know if you have any questions once you start processing the application on Monday.

Many thanks again!

Best wishes,
Christy

Christy Agnese

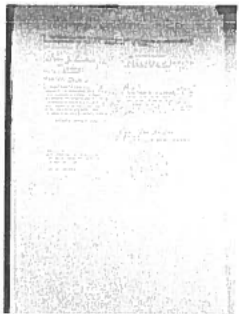


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MEMORANDUM

To: Worcester County Planning Commission
From: Jennifer Keener, AICP, Director
Matt Laick, GISP, Deputy Director
Kristen Tremblay, AICP, Zoning Administrator
Date: December 30, 2025
Re: Text Amendment Application – Modify § ZS 1-351(b)(5) – Short-term rental third parking space requirement

Christy Agnese, property owner within the Landings subdivision, has submitted a text amendment application to modify the effective date at which a third parking space shall be provided for a short-term rental property. A copy of the draft bill language is attached for your consideration.

As is the case with all text amendment applications, the application was distributed to staff for review and comment. The Planning Commission shall review the request and make a recommendation to the Worcester County Commissioners (favorable or unfavorable) and can make recommendations for changes to the proposed language. If at least one County Commissioner introduces the amendment as a bill, then a public hearing date will be set for the Commissioners to obtain public input prior to acting on the request.

BACKGROUND

Currently, all dwelling units shall provide two off-street parking spaces per unit. Tandem or stacked parking is not permitted to be counted towards the minimum requirements per the definition of “off-street parking space”. If the dwelling unit was permitted on or after January 1, 2020 (the effective date of the rental licensing legislation), a third parking space shall be provided to obtain a short-term rental license. Attached is a copy of the short-term rental ordinance in the Zoning Code, as well as the short-term rental addendum that each owner is required to sign with their license application.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the third parking space is to alleviate traffic impacts from the potentially higher number of occupants allowed in a dwelling on a short-term basis. A long-term rental or owner-occupied dwelling is subject to the occupancy restrictions of a “family or housekeeping unit”, which restricts the total number of unrelated occupants to no more than five (5). On the other hand, occupancy within the same dwelling as a short-term rental is determined by the size of the bedrooms. The average short-term license permits 8 people, and ranges between 2 to 33 people.

When presented to the County Commissioners in August 2019, the bill proposed one additional off-street parking space for all short-term rentals. Based upon public feedback, the Commissioners amended the bill in October 2019 to limit applicability to the effective date of the legislation (January 1, 2020). This reduced the burden of installing additional spaces on existing homeowners, while new applicants shall incorporate a third space into their project if a short-term rental was anticipated.

Staff advise developers during the review of new residential developments so that they are aware of the requirements when they market their units. Whether that information is passed on to the consumer is unclear. Some developers have built out additional parking to accommodate this request from homeowners. Others have specified that units will remain owner occupied or for long-term rentals only. In communities developed over an extended period, it is common for different phases to be governed by the standards in effect at the time each phase was developed or permit was approved. While this has resulted in communities operating under more than one set of rules, this outcome is consistent with long-standing land-use practice. Overall, the Department's interpretation of the law has not changed since it went into effect in 2020; however, it was apparently not consistently enforced in all communities.

The parking provision has become difficult to manage in condominium regimes (multi-family, two-family or townhouse developments) where individual units are sold, but the common area, which may include off-street parking, is managed by a homeowner or condominium association. In some instances, there is not enough parking available for all units to be allocated a third space. In addition to the homeowner signing the short-term rental addendum, the Department requires that the controlling entity provide a letter stating that the respective unit has the right to use the additional space.

RECOMMENDATION

Several communities are experiencing parking challenges which can be exacerbated by short-term rentals, and which have resulted in recent draft legislation addressing garage clearance heights. The proposed language will not alleviate future homeowners in communities constructed after January 1, 2026, from the same effects that current homeowners are experiencing. It would simply allow additional short-term rentals to operate without providing the additional spaces needed to meet the apparent demand.

Maintaining a firm cutoff date, such as January 1, 2020, avoids shifting impacts onto neighbors, and preserves the integrity of the County's adopted planning framework while allowing limited, narrowly tailored vesting where appropriate. **Overall, staff support the County Commissioners' original decision to require a third parking space as of the effective date of the original legislation.**

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL 26-__

BY:
INTRODUCED:

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT Concerning

Zoning – Short-term rentals

For the purpose of amending the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to modify the effective date at which a third parking space shall be provided for a short-term rental property.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsection § ZS 1-351(b)(5) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

- (5) One additional off-street parking space beyond that required by the provisions of § ZS 1-320(a) shall be provided for all short-term rental structures for which a building permit application is received after ~~the effective date of this section~~ JANUARY 1, 2026.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this Bill shall take effect forty-five (45) days from the date of its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Subtitle ZS1:III. Supplementary Districts and District Regulations

§ ZS 1-351. Short-term rentals.

[Added 10 15 2019 by Bill No 19 3]

- (a) Generally. It is the intent of these regulations to maintain the neighborhood character where short-term rentals take place and protect the health, safety and general welfare of the permanent residents and the lodgers while allowing this form of renting to exist.
- (b) Requirements.
- (1) Any dwelling unit or portion thereof that is offered as short term rentals must conform to the provisions of this Title
 - (2) Any property used or planned to be used for short-term rentals shall be limited to a single rental contract for any overnight period regardless of the number of available sleeping rooms in the principal dwelling unit or accessory apartment.
 - (3) Occupancy.
 - A The definition of "family or housekeeping unit" as contained in § ZS 1 103 hereof shall not apply in determining the occupancy limitations for short term rentals holding a valid rental license pursuant to § TR 2-105 of the Taxation and Revenue Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland but rather shall be determined as follows:
 1. Every bedroom, as defined in § ZS 1-103 hereof, occupied by more than one person shall contain not less than fifty square feet of floor area unobstructed other than by furniture for each occupant
 2. The total number of occupants permitted in any short-term rental unit shall not exceed the sum total of all occupants permitted in each bedroom of the structure.
 - B. Accessory apartments shall only be rented in their entirety and shall be subject to the occupancy limitations as contained in Subsection (b)(3)A, above. Accessory apartments shall also be subject to the provisions of § ZS 1-338 hereof.
 - (4) No modifications shall be made to the dwelling unit which shall change the functionality, appearance or principal design of the structure as an individual dwelling unit.
 - (5) One additional off-street parking space beyond that required by the provisions of § ZS 1-320(a) shall be provided for all short-term rental structures for which a building permit application is received after the effective date of this section
 - (6) The property owner shall maintain a record of the names of all lodgers, including their address, phone number and email address as applicable, as well as the dates of lodging. Such record shall be provided to the County upon request.
 - (7) The property owner or their authorized agent shall make the dwelling unit available for inspection during reasonable hours upon request by the County in order to verify compliance with the provisions of this Title.
 - (8) On-premises signage shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of § ZS 1-324.
 - (9) The hosting of functions and events, including but not limited to wedding ceremonies, wedding receptions, family reunions, birthday and anniversary celebrations, corporate and employee appreciation parties and other similar gatherings of persons other than the authorized lodgers, shall be prohibited in association with any short term rentals, regardless of whether or not any form of compensation or barter has been paid or received by any individual or firm for the event.
 - (10) The County Commissioners by resolution may establish additional standards or require additional information as deemed necessary to enforce the provisions of this Title.



RENTAL LICENSE APPLICATION
SHORT-TERM ADDENDUM

A short-term rental is defined as a maximum occupancy of twenty-eight (28) consecutive days or less. If you will be renting your single-family dwelling on a short-term basis, you will be required to submit this Addendum with your Rental License Application.

Please print this sheet and read through the general information pertaining to your application for a short-term rental license. Please sign the form at the bottom of the page acknowledging the requirements, and submit it with your completed application. Keep a copy for your records.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Any dwelling unit or portion thereof that is offered as short-term rentals shall be limited to a single rental contract for any overnight period regardless of the number of sleeping rooms available.
- The occupancy of the dwelling unit and/or bedrooms available for rent shall be based on the definition of a “bedroom” per the Worcester County Zoning Code, and the calculation provided in §ZS 1-351 Short-term rentals. A formal determination of the maximum permitted occupancy shall be made by the Department and will be reflected on the issued rental license. All rental or lease agreements shall reflect this maximum permitted occupancy.
- Every dwelling unit is required to provide two 10’ wide by 20’ long parking spaces that are fully accessible; stacking of vehicles shall not count towards the provisions for a parking space. **If a building permit for the dwelling unit was submitted to the Department on or after January 1, 2020, an additional parking space shall be provided, for a total of three (3) parking spaces on the subject property.** Street parking does not count towards the required parking.
- The property owner shall maintain a record of the names of all lodgers, including their mailing address, phone number and email address as applicable, as well as the dates of lodging. Such record shall be provided to the County upon request.
- The hosting of functions and events of persons other than the authorized lodgers shall be prohibited in association with any short-term rentals, regardless of whether or not any form of compensation or barter has been paid or received.
- No modifications shall be made which shall change the functionality, appearance or principal design of the structure as an individual dwelling unit.

Signature of Property Owner: _____ Date: _____

Subject Property Address: _____

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL 19-3

BY: Commissioners Bertino, Bunting, Church, Elder, Mitrecic, Nordstrom and Purnell
 INTRODUCED: July 16, 2019
 AMENDED: SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT Concerning

Zoning - Boarding and Lodging Rentals

For the purpose of amending the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to eliminate inconsistencies in existing codes, revise definitions and to establish new regulations for short term rentals of one-and two-family dwellings.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that SUBSECTION § ZS 1-103(B) OF THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION CONTROL ARTICLE OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF A DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BEDROOM" TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

BEDROOM - A ROOM THAT CAN BE USED FOR SLEEPING THAT MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- (1) CONTAINS A MINIMUM OF SEVENTY SQUARE FEET OF CONDITIONED SPACE UNOBSTRUCTED OTHER THAN BY FURNITURE AND NOT INCLUDING CLOSETS;
- (2) IS LOCATED ALONG AN EXTERIOR WALL OF THE STRUCTURE IN WHICH IT IS CONTAINED;
- (3) HAS AN ENTRY DOOR AND A CLOSET;
- (4) DOES NOT PROVIDE ACCESS TO ANOTHER ROOM OTHER THAN A BATHROOM OR A CLOSET;
- (5) HAS AN EMERGENCY MEANS OF ESCAPE AND RESCUE MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY BUILDING CODE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO § BR 1-201 OF THE BUILDING REGULATIONS ARTICLE WHEN CONTAINED IN A BUILDING FOR WHICH A BUILDING PERMIT WAS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1992; AND
- (6) IS NOT ALL OR ANY PART OF A HALLWAY, BATHROOM, KITCHEN, LIVING ROOM, FAMILY ROOM, DINING ROOM, DEN, HOME THEATER/MEDIA ROOM, BREAKFAST ROOM OR NOOK, PANTRY, LAUNDRY ROOM, SUNROOM, RECREATION ROOM, EXERCISE ROOM OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR USE.

Section 2. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the existing definitions of "boarding or lodging house" and "country inn" as contained in Subsection § ZS 1-103(b) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed.

Section 23. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the existing definition of "transient" as contained in Subsection § ZS 1-103(b) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

TRANSIENT — When referring to a person, a person occupying or intending to occupy all or any portion of a structure for lodging on a temporary basis not to exceed twenty-eight consecutive days.

Section 34. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the existing definition of "boarder or lodger" as contained in Subsection § ZS 1-103(b) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and replaced by the new terms "lodger" and "roomer or boarder" to read as follows:

LODGER — A person who receives sleeping accommodations, which may also include meals, for compensation in all or any portion of any dwelling unit for twenty-eight consecutive days or less.

ROOMER or BOARDER — A person who receives sleeping accommodations, which may also include meals, for compensation in all or any portion of any dwelling unit for more than twenty-eight consecutive days and who is not part of the resident family.

Section 45. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsection § ZS 1-103(b) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be amended by the addition of a definition of the term "short term rental" to read as follows:

SHORT TERM RENTAL (STR) — All or a portion of any dwelling unit or all of an accessory apartment that is rented to a lodger for sleeping accommodations on a basis not to exceed twenty-eight consecutive days. Short term rentals do not include bed-and-breakfast establishments. See § ZS 1-351 hereof.

Section 56. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsection § ZS 1-105(c) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be amended by the addition of a new subsection § ZS 1-105(c)(7) to read as follows:

(7) Short term rentals, subject to the provisions of § ZS 1-351 hereof.

Section 67. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsections §§ ZS 1-202(c)(26) and ZS 1-202(c)(27) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and Subsections §§ ZS 1-202(c)(28) through ZS 1-202(c)(46) be renumbered as Subsections §§ ZS 1-202(c)(26) through ZS 1-202(c)(44) respectively.

Section 78. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsections §§ ZS 1-203(c)(4) and ZS 1-203(c)(5) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and Subsections §§ ZS 1-203(c)(6) through ZS 1-203(c)(22) be renumbered as Subsections §§ ZS 1-203(c)(4) through ZS 1-203(c)(20) respectively.

Section 89. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsection § ZS 1-203(d) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be amended by the addition of a new Subsection § ZS 1-203(d)(11) to read as follows:

- (11) The keeping of not more than two roomers or boarders.

Section 910. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsections §§ ZS 1-204(c)(11) and ZS 1-204(c)(12) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and Subsections §§ ZS 1-204(c)(13) through ZS 1-204(c)(22) be renumbered as Subsections §§ ZS 1-204(c)(11) through ZS 1-204(c)(20) respectively.

Section 1011. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsection § ZS 1-204(e) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be amended by the addition of a new Subsection § ZS 1-204(e)(12) to read as follows:

- (12) The keeping of not more than two roomers or boarders.

Section 1112. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsections §§ ZS 1-208(c)(1) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and Subsections §§ ZS 1-208(c)(2) through ZS 1-208(c)(18) be renumbered as Subsections §§ ZS 1-208(c)(1) through ZS 1-208(c)(17) respectively.

Section 1213. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsection § ZS 1-215(d) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be amended by the addition of a new Subsection § ZS 1-215(d)(8) to read as follows:

- (8) The keeping of not more than two roomers or boarders.

Section 1314. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsection § ZS 1-340(b)(1) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

- (1) No bed-and-breakfast facility shall contain more than twenty guest sleeping rooms. Only designated rooms shall be used for sleeping.

Section †415. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsection § ZS 1-340(b)(7) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

- (7) No guest shall be permitted in a bed in a bed-and-breakfast facility for more than twenty-eight consecutive nights.

Section †516. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Subsections §§ ZS 1-340(b)(9) of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be repealed and Subsections §§ ZS 1-340(b)(10) and ZS 1-340(b)(11) be renumbered as Subsections §§ ZS 1-340(b)(9) and ZS 1-340(b)(10) respectively.

Section †617. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that a new Section § ZS 1-351 of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be enacted to read as follows:

§ ZS 1-351. Short term rentals.

- (a) Generally. It is the intent of these regulations to maintain the neighborhood character where short term rentals take place and protect the health, safety and general welfare of the permanent residents and the lodgers while allowing this form of renting to exist.
- (b) Requirements.
 - (1) Any dwelling unit or portion thereof that is offered as short term rentals must conform to the provisions of this Title.
 - (2) Any property used or planned to be used for short term rentals shall be limited to a single rental contract for any overnight period regardless of the number of available sleeping rooms in the principal dwelling unit or accessory apartment.
 - (3) Occupancy.
 - A. ~~Where the entire dwelling unit or accessory apartment is being offered for rent, occupancy shall be limited to a maximum of one family or housekeeping unit as defined in § ZS 1-103(b) hereof.~~ THE DEFINITION OF “FAMILY OR HOUSEKEEPING UNIT” AS CONTAINED IN § ZS 1-103 HEREOF SHALL NOT APPLY IN DETERMINING THE OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS HOLDING A VALID RENTAL LICENSE PURSUANT TO § TR 2-105 OF THE TAXATION AND REVENUE ARTICLE OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND BUT RATHER SHALL BE DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:
 - 1. EVERY BEDROOM, AS DEFINED IN § ZS 1-103 HEREOF, OCCUPIED BY MORE THAN ONE PERSON SHALL CONTAIN NOT LESS THAN FIFTY SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA UNOBSTRUCTED OTHER THAN BY FURNITURE FOR EACH OCCUPANT.

2. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS PERMITTED IN ANY SHORT TERM RENTAL UNIT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SUM TOTAL OF ALL OCCUPANTS PERMITTED IN EACH BEDROOM OF THE STRUCTURE.

~~B. Where a portion of the principal dwelling is being offered for rent, occupancy shall consist of a maximum of two sleeping rooms that may accommodate up to two lodgers per room not including children under the age of twelve but in no case a greater number of lodgers than may be permitted by the zoning district regulations:~~

€ B. Accessory apartments shall only be rented in their entirety and shall be SUBJECT TO THE OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS AS CONTAINED IN SUBSECTION (B)(3)A. ABOVE. ~~limited to a maximum of one family or housekeeping unit as defined in § ZS 1-103(b) herein.~~ Accessory apartments shall also be subject to the provisions of § ZS 1-338 hereof.

- (4) No modifications shall be made to the dwelling unit which shall change the functionality, appearance or principal design of the structure as an individual dwelling unit.
- (5) **One additional off-street parking space beyond that required by the provisions of § ZS 1-320(a) for the existing permitted structure(s) shall be provided for all short term rental properties STRUCTURES FOR WHICH A BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.**
- (6) The property owner shall maintain a record of the names of all lodgers, including their address, phone number and email address as applicable, as well as the dates of lodging. Such record shall be provided to the County upon request.
- (7) The property owner or their authorized agent shall make the dwelling unit available for inspection during reasonable hours upon request by the County in order to verify compliance with the provisions of this Title.
- (8) On-premises signage shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of § ZS 1-324.
- (9) The hosting of functions and events, including but not limited to wedding ceremonies, wedding receptions, family reunions, birthday and anniversary celebrations, corporate and employee appreciation parties and other similar gatherings of persons other than the authorized lodgers, shall be prohibited in association with any short term rentals, regardless of whether or not any form of compensation or barter has been paid or received by any individual or firm for the event.
- (10) The County Commissioners by Resolution may establish additional standards or require additional information as deemed necessary to enforce the provisions of this Title.

Section 1718. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this Bill shall take effect January 1, 2020.

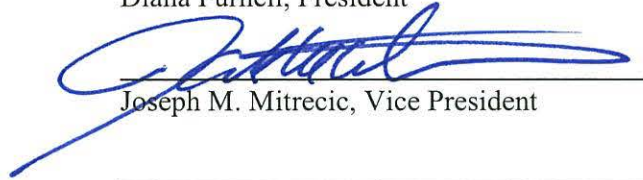
PASSED this 15th day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND


Harold L. Higgins
Chief Administrative Officer


Diana Purnell, President

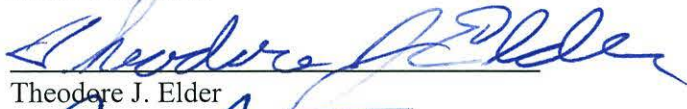

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Joshua C. Nordstrom



Worcester County Commissioners
Worcester County Government Center
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**PETITION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICAL TEXT
OF THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION CONTROL ARTICLE**

(For Office Use Only – Please Do Not Write in this Space)

Date Received by Office of the County Commissioners _____

Date Received by Development Review and Permitting Revised: December 12, 2025

Date Reviewed by the Planning Commission January 8, 2026

I. Application: Proposals for amendments to the text of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article may be made by any interested person who is a resident of Worcester County, a taxpayer therein, or by any governmental agency of the County. Check applicable status below:

- a. Resident of Worcester County: _____
- b. Taxpayer of Worcester County: X _____
- c. Governmental Agency: _____ (Name of Agency)

II. Proposed Change to Text of the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article

- a. Section Number: 1-351(b)(5)
- b. Page Number: https://ecode360.com/14021036#35278734
- c. Proposed revised text, addition or deletion:
Revise text to read:
One additional off-street parking space beyond that required by the provisions of § ZS 1-320(a)
shall be provided for all short-term rental structures for which a building permit application
is received after January 1, 2026.

III. Reasons for Requesting Text Change:

- a. Please list reasons or other information as to why the proposed text change is necessary and therefore requested:

Please see attached.

IV. Signature of Applicants

Signature(s): Christy Agnese

Printed Name(s): Christy Agnese

Mailing Address: 12423 Coastal Marsh Drive, Unit 5, Berlin, MD 21811

Phone Number: 6 [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Date: 12/12/25

V. Signature of Attorney

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

VI. General Information Relating to the Text Change Process

- a. Applications for text amendments shall be addressed to and filed with the Office of the County Commissioners. The required filing fee must accompany the application.

- b. Procedure for Text Amendments: Text amendments shall be passed by the County Commissioners of Worcester County as Public Local Laws according to legally required procedures, with the following additional requirements. Any proposed amendment shall first be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation. The Planning Commission shall make a recommendation within a reasonable time after receipt of the proposed amendment. After receipt of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the County Commissioners shall hold at least one public hearing in relation to the proposed amendment, at which parties and interested citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. At least fifteen (15) days notice of the time and place of such hearing and the nature of the proposed amendment shall be published in an official paper or a paper of general circulation in Worcester County. In the event no County Commissioner is willing to introduce the proposed amendment as a bill, it will not be considered.

Christy Agnese

12423 Coastal Marsh Drive, Unit 5, Berlin, MD 21811

December 12 ,2025

Worcester County Commissioners
Worcester County Planning Commission
Worcester County Department of Development Review and Planning
Worcester County Government Center
One W. Market Street
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

Dear Commissioners, Members of the Planning Commission, and Members of the Department of Development Review and Permitting,

This letter serves as the Section III A: Reasons for Requesting Text Change on the Worcester County Petition for Amendment to the Official Text of The Zoning and Subdivision Control Article submitted on December 7, 2025 and lists reasons or other information as to why the proposed text change is necessary and therefore requested.

I propose “the effective date of this section” is changed to “January 1, 2026” in [§ ZS 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#).

Current:

*One additional off-street parking space beyond that required by the provisions of [§ ZS 1-320\(a\)](#) shall be provided for all short-term rental structures for which a building permit application is received after **the effective date of this section**.*

Proposed:

*One additional off-street parking space beyond that required by the provisions of [§ ZS 1-320\(a\)](#) shall be provided for all short-term rental structures for which a building permit application is received after **January 1, 2026**.*

History and Positive Outcomes Accomplished

Short-term rentals ([Section 1-351](#)) was added on October 15, 2019 by [Bill No. 19-3](#) “for the purpose of amending the Zoning and Subdivision Control Article to eliminate inconsistencies in existing codes, revise definitions and to establish new regulations for short term rentals of one-and two-family dwellings.”

There were many aspects in this bill that created improvements for our community and provided a clear foundation for those who wanted to participate in responsible short-term rental. This bill most notably ensured that there are reasonable occupancy standards, restricted functions and events, and mandated registry lists of guests. In reviewing the minutes from 2019, these outcomes do address many of the concerns that were being discussed. Those involved in the conversations and decision-making had very good intentions of creating short-term rental guidance to ensure a thriving community.

Timing and Impact of the Pandemic

The effective date of [Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) was January 1, 2020. No one in our community could have predicted there would be a global pandemic shortly in the future. It is reasonable to conclude that the pandemic played a role in the implementation, understanding, interpretation, and communication of the new code. Communicating change is difficult in the best of times and communicating anything beyond health and safety during the pandemic simply didn’t seem to be possible. There was a complete lack of common understanding of what [Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) required of newly constructed properties to be eligible to obtain a short-term rental permit. Unfortunately, these changes and their very important implications, were not clearly communicated to homebuilders or potential homeowners as a result.

Ambiguity, Interpretation, and Enforcement

[Section 1-351\(a\)](#) states the overarching intention as follows:

*Generally. It is the intent of these regulations to maintain the neighborhood character where short-term rentals take place and protect the health, safety and general welfare of the permanent residents and the lodgers **while allowing this form of renting to exist.***

[Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) as currently stated is in direct conflict with [Section 1-351\(a\)](#) as it is currently being enforced as it has taken away my right and the right of other owners to participate in short-term rental. [Section 1-351](#) became operational in January 2020. Due to the ambiguity of the code language from 2020 to 2025 the Department of Development Review and Permitting issued short-term rental permits for properties built post-2020 that

only had two dedicated exclusive parking spaces. From my conversations with members of the team when I was exploring obtaining my short-term rental permit in 2024 and 2025, just having access to community parking spaces met the code threshold for having a third parking spot. I was encouraged to and did submit a parking site plan of our community to demonstrate that we had available parking to satisfy the third spot requirement.

Starting in the summer of 2025 the Department of Development Review and Permitting began revoking short-term rental licenses as they were “issued in error and no longer valid.” This came as an absolute surprise to me, those who lost their permits, neighbors, and the management company who manages our neighborhood. **The issue is that now [Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) is being interpreted that this third spot must be a dedicated and exclusive off-street parking spot, not access to a community/shared off-street parking spot, which was how the department was previously interpreting and enforcing the code.**

Though it is not applicable to my particular situation, since I have a garage with two spaces which meet the requirements for two vehicle parking per the county, and do not have a driveway, I understand that the definition of tandem or “stacked” parking has been another reason that members of the community have had their short-term rental licenses revoked as well, since they cannot use their driveways for the third space. Again, this was not made clear to the now homeowners who built their homes post 2020. **The proposed text amendment of [Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) would solve these issues and allow the licenses of those who have had them revoked to have them reinstated.**

My story

I built a townhome in Bayside and shared widely with Ryan Homes, Legum & Norman, the property management company for our community, and Worcester County Department of Development Review and Planning that I intended to use our home as a vacation home to bring together our family and participate in short-term rental to share our home with others. I followed all of the stated rules, and filed all permits and paperwork, and it is very unfortunate that all parties were apparently misinterpreting [Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) about requiring a third dedicated parking spot incorrectly until recently.

I would not have built this home in Bayside if I would have known that short-term rental was not an option. I’m a member of the Friends of Assateague State Park and have been vacationing in our community for nearly 15 years. I used to camp at the state park and then I rented short-term rentals in the Bayside Community in the years leading up to building my home, which is how I fell in love with the community. I built my townhome and closed in April 2025.

My husband and I are two working parents who have dedicated our careers to professional non-profit service. Building this vacation home was such a stretch and achievement--I rely on short-term income to keep this home financially feasible. I set up the home within a week after closing on construction to have it up and running as a rental with very careful logistical planning, a plethora of deliveries from our UPS driver, so much hard physical work from our talented family, lots of coordination with our professional rental company and the County of Worcester to obtain my license. I have to say that staff at the Worcester County Department of Development Review and Planning were a pleasure to work with. I found them to be very helpful in providing feedback and guidance to ensure that I was following the rules as they were currently being interpreted. They always answered my phone calls and quickly got back to me with answers to my questions. I had such a wonderful summer of enjoying my new home with family and friends and renting it out to guests who all provided us with a 5-star rating and were good stewards of our community resources. I want this to continue.

Since my husband and I do not have much vacation time as two working parents and seek to use our house as it fits our work schedules and our child's school schedule, longer term renting is not an option for us. A future goal is to use the house more personally, but short-term rental will always be part of our plan.

Unfortunately, my story is in no way unique in our community. I have spoken to other homeowners, and their stories are variations on a theme. **Many built their homes fully intending on vacationing in the community themselves and using short-term rental to make the financials feasible. They too shared widely with builders, the county, and their management companies that they intended to participate in short-term rental before and during building their homes. [Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) as it is currently stands and is being interpreted is preventing this reality.**

Equity

[Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) has created inequity for homeowners in our community as homes built pre-2020 only need two parking spaces while post-2020 are required three exclusive parking spaces. The divide is especially noticeable in my neighborhood, Bayside, since the community has been under development for 20 years. Since everyone (including the county, builders, management) were misinterpreting or not fully informed of the ramifications of **[Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) buyers were informed that short-term rental would be a possibility.**

Entire neighborhoods were intentionally designed, marketed, and built with the clear expectation that short-term rentals would be allowed. Homeowners invested substantial resources in good faith, relying on those assurances and the regulatory framework in place at the time. The change in interpretation after the fact undermines that trust.

Section 1-351(b)(5) as it currently stands effectively divides neighbors into two unequal classes: homeowners who can rent short-term because they built before the cutoff, and those who cannot simply because they came later. Such inequity discourages future investment and contradicts the principles of fairness and predictability that responsible regulation should uphold.

For these reasons, the **Section 1-351(b)(5) should be updated** to restore consistency, protect homeowner rights, and maintain trust in the County's regulatory process for those who built between 2020 and 2026.

Neighborhood Harmony

In my neighborhood, Bayside, each home, both single family and townhomes, has two dedicated exclusive parking spaces in their garages as determined by the County of Worcester. Additionally, **there is ample non-exclusive off-street parking available over the minimum required for building code in parking pods throughout the community.**

The attempt to mandate exclusive assigned parking for the third spot as part of **Section 1-351(b)(5) has created much neighborhood discord and strife. Sharing the non-exclusive off-street parking has been effective.** Indeed, our community is finally fully built, and all the parking has been paved and lined as of November 2025. There is more parking available today than there ever has been.

At the November 22, 2025 special meeting of the Bayside Community Association Board of Directors affirmed their commitment to allow short-term rentals to continue in our neighborhood. At the same time, there was not the desire to assign non-exclusive parking available at the community center parking lot. This demonstrates that forcing a retroactive action to attempt to remedy the ramifications of **Section 1-351(b)(5)** is untenable in our community.

Since Section 1-351(b)(5) was never enforced as currently interpreted from January 2020 to Summer 2025, having a third exclusive and dedicated spot is not needed in our neighborhood. Other aspects of **Bill No. 19-3** such as the occupancy restrictions and

prohibiting parties and gatherings are effective in limiting the amount parking in our neighborhood and like neighborhoods.

Economic Hardship

Since homeowners purchased and built their homes under prior guidance, the current interpretation of [Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) has caused them to experience significant and unjust economic hardship. Many owners invested substantial resources in good faith reliance on the original regulatory framework, which allowed short-term rentals without this extra dedicated parking space requirement. These homes were designed, financed, and constructed based on that understanding.

This change effectively strips owners of a key income stream that was integral to their financial planning. Short-term rentals can provide essential supplemental income to cover mortgages, property taxes, and maintenance costs. Removing that opportunity can lead to **negative equity, forced sales, or foreclosure risk**, particularly for those who purchased vacation homes, second homes, or retirement properties with the expectation of rental income.

Additionally, **removing the right to short-term rental legally, lowers the home values of everyone** in the community, regardless of their interest to participate in short-term rental themselves. For Worcester County removing that opportunity is projected to reduce home values based on [trends in similar coastal markets](#).

Tourism continues to be a growing and major economic driver in Worcester County. In 2022 **visitors spent approximately \$2.6 billion in Worcester County**, up from \$2.48 billion in 2021 and \$1.97 billion in 2019, when [Bill No. 19-3](#) was adopted. Tourism also supports more than **15,000 jobs in Worcester County**, representing the majority of local employment, and generates hundreds of millions in state and local tax revenue. Short-term rentals specifically generate a 5% Room Tax to Worcester County, which will be increased to [6% beginning January 1, 2026](#). **Responsible short-term rental is a vital part of our community and owners who built before January 1, 2026 must have the right to participate.**

Lessons Learned and a Path Forward

Worcester County can learn lessons from this situation and chart an intentional path forward. I believe that the Commissioners, Planning Commission and Department of Development Review and Planning want all developers, homebuilders, and potential

homeowners to fully understand [Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) and if their home will be eligible to apply for a short-term rental permit. This text amendment allows this to become a reality.

Everyone wants homebuilders, developers, and potential homebuyers to be aware of the possibilities of their properties in a very transparent manner, so education and clear communication crucial to success. Some ways that this might be accomplished is a written memo from the Department of Development Review and Planning to the developers and homebuilders when they apply for permits that would become part of the minutes of the Planning Commission Meetings. For potential homebuyers, an infographic could be created and placed on the Department of Development Review and Planning's website graphically and clearly explaining what is required. This infographic could be used to create a handout that developers are required to give to potential buyers for educational purposes. Finally, real estate listings and marketing materials could clearly and plainly state if a property is eligible to apply for a short-term rental license in Worcester County or not. I'm positive there are other ideas that could increase communication and clarity on this topic, and I encourage the county to adopt them fully.

For the future, since potential buyers need clarity if their property is eligible to participate in short-term rental in Worcester County, it is my recommendation that their third parking spot is deeded or permanently placed. We have learned that a potential assignment of a common spot over the required minimum is not a strategy that can be relied on a consistent basis or for the long-term. Buyers deserve clarity to make such an important financial decision.

This renewed plan with enhanced education and transparent communication would lay the foundation for future work related to short-term rentals as new developers come to Worcester County. If so desired, it would give the county the opportunity to purposefully approve permanent affordable housing with only two dedicated parking spots with the potential buyer's full awareness that it is not available for short-term rental.

Conclusion

[Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) as it is currently stated is at odds with the original intent and goals of the short-term rental regulations adopted in 2019, creates inequity among homeowners, and imposes unnecessary economic hardship on those who built in good faith under prior interpretation. For five years, the County interpreted this aspect of the code in a way that allowed responsible short-term rental participation, and communities were planned and marketed with that understanding. The recent shift in interpretation not only divides neighbors into two classes but also erodes trust in the regulatory process, discourages

investment, and threatens property values. **Updating [Section 1-351\(b\)\(5\)](#) will restore consistency, uphold fairness, and protect both homeowner rights and the economic vitality of Worcester County.** The county can learn from this situation and set itself up for success in the future.

I would like nothing more than to remain a member of this community and participate in short-term rental.

Thank you for your careful consideration and action. I'm looking forward to speaking with you at upcoming meetings.

With respect and in partnership,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christy Agnese". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Christy Agnese

PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED

ON BILL 26-01

SHORT-TERM RENTAL

THIRD PARKING SPACE

County Commissioner Public Hearing: March 3, 2026

From: [nancy](#) [REDACTED]
To: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Cc: [Kristen Tremblay](#); [Matt Shipley](#); [Igor Conev](#); [Eric Fiori](#)
Subject: Worcester County Short Term Rental Parking Regulation
Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026 11:33:43 AM

Dear Director Keener,

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Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the residents of Worcester County.

Sincerely,

Nancy Webb

President
Seaside Village Community Association

From: [Chris Scheidt](#)
To: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Cc: [Nancy Webb \(Seaside Village HOA President\)](#)
Subject: Fw: Worcester County Short Term Rental Parking Regulation
Date: Sunday, February 8, 2026 2:53:32 PM

Dear Director Keener

My name is Chris Scheidt and I reside at 12902 Sand Bar Lane, Unit 2, Ocean City 21842. I am a home owner in Seaside Village and I reside there full-time.

My intent for sending this email is to express my full support of our President, Nancy Webb's position in her recent email to you regarding Short Term Rental Parking regulation. I have copy and pasted her email down below. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated and I am hopeful you will see fit to uphold the existing short term rental parking regulations.

Dear Director Keener,

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Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the residents of Worcester County.

Sincerely,

Nancy Webb
President
Seaside Village Community Association

Best Regards

Chris Scheidt
12902 Sand Bar Lane
Unit 2
Ocean City, MD 21842



From: [captaind628](#) [REDACTED]
To: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Subject: Fw: Worcester County Short Term Rental Parking Regulation
Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026 12:17:40 PM

Director Keener,

I fully support the position of the Seaside Village Community Association and object to changing the effective date of the short term rental parking rule.

Sincerely,
David M Webb
12906 Sandbar Ln #4
Ocean City MD 21842

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From: nancy [REDACTED]
To: Jennifer Keener [REDACTED]
Cc: Kristen Tremblay [REDACTED], Matt Shipley [REDACTED], Igor Conev [REDACTED], Eric Fiori [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 11:33:12 AM EST
Subject: Worcester County Short Term Rental Parking Regulation

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Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the residents of Worcester County.

Sincerely,

Nancy Webb
President
Seaside Village Community Association

From: [Anthony Grover](#)
To: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026 12:46:39 PM

Dear Director Keener,

I am a resident and owner of a house that is part of the Seaside Village Community Association, a residential community in West Ocean City consisting of 121 townhomes and 16 apartments.

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Sincerely,

Anthony Grover

From: [JB](#)
To: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Subject: Oppose short term rentals
Date: Monday, February 9, 2026 7:26:38 AM

Dear Director Keener,

I live in Seaside Village Community Association, a residential community in West Ocean City consisting of 121 townhomes and 16 apartments.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Baima

concerned resident

From: [bobgaden](#) [REDACTED]
To: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Cc: [Nancy Webb](#); [Kristen Tremblay](#); [Matt Shipley](#)
Subject: Proposed change to Parking regulations for short term rentals
Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026 12:53:43 PM

Dear Director Keener,

I am a Resident and board member of the Seaside Village Community Association, a residential community in West Ocean City consisting of 121 townhomes and 16 apartments.

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Sincerely,

Robert Gaden
Board Member
Seaside Village Community Association

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Kathleen Gaden](#)
To: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Cc: [nancyods](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Worcester County Short Term Parking Regulation Change
Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026 12:37:25 PM

Dear Director Keener,

I am a full time resident of the Seaside Village Community Association, a residential community in West Ocean City consisting of 121 townhomes and 16 apartments.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen T Gaden
Resident of Seaside Village

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Konrad](#)
To: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Subject: Fw: SHORT TERM RENTAL PARKING REGULATIONS
Date: Monday, February 9, 2026 5:35:08 PM

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From: Konrad [REDACTED]
To: jkkener@[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 at 02:42:57 PM EST
Subject: SHORT TERM RENTAL PARKING REGULATIONS

Dear Director Keener,

I also respectfully urge Mr. Fiori and the other County Commissioners to uphold the parking regulations that have been in effect for the past six years and hope you will deny short-term-term rental licenses for the developer in our community (Seaside Village). I also request that the opposed change to the effective date of the parking rule **be dismissed**.

Thank you,

Kathy Konrad
12906 Seaside Lane #3

Dear Director Keener,

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Sincerely,

Nancy Webb
President
Seaside Village Community Association

From: [Linda Aus](#)
To: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Subject: Worcester County Short Term Rental Parking Regulation
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 7:38:29 AM

Dear Director Keener,

We are owners in the Seaside Village Community Association, a residential community in West Ocean City consisting of 121 townhomes and 16 apartments.

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Sincerely,

Alfred Aus Jr.

Kevin Aus

12904 Sandbar Lane Unit 1

From: [Lynda Schmitz](#)
To: [rentallicense](#); [commisioners](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: STR Bill 26-01 (Item 10 on Agenda for 3 March meeting)
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026 1:02:34 PM

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out regarding Bill 26-01 (item 10) on the agenda for the meeting scheduled on 3 March 2026. It is my understanding that there is a bill requesting to modify the effective date on the Short Term Rental Addendum to 1 January 2026. I disagree with the modifying the current date of 1 January 2020. I am surprised to see this bill even brought up. The owner requesting this operates a STR in the Landings at Bayside. Townhouse owners here (I am a resident) do not have 2 valid parking spaces to begin with so modifying the effective date doesn't resolve their issue.

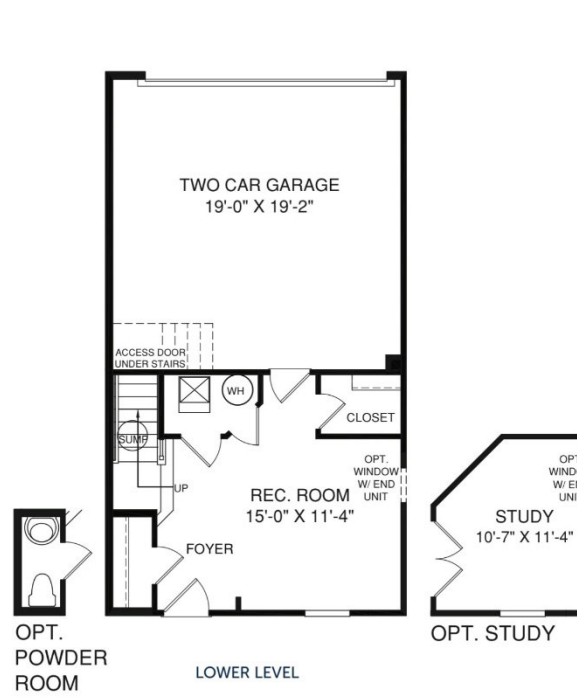
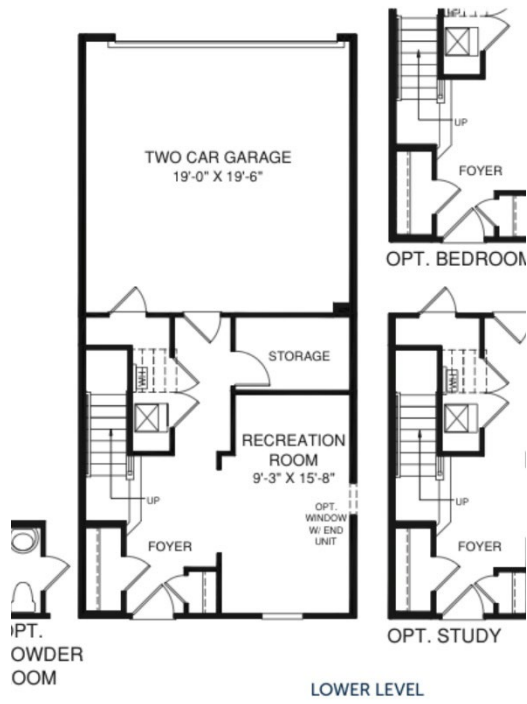
Please note the attached floor plans. These are the garage sizes for the Strauss (19x19'6) and Mozart (19x19'2) models. Ms. Agnese's emails in the agenda packet states she purchased a Mozart therefore her garage size is 19x19'2. Taking those measurements into account, the garage size does not meet the county requirements of (2) 10x20 parking spaces as the garage would need to be 20x20 to meet the parking space size requirement. Owners should have known this before applying for a rental license. I wonder, are owners required to submit a floor plan prior to issuing a rental license? Does the county inspect/measure to ensure applicants are being truthful? Does the county have garage measurements for the townhouses in Bayside? Some STRs have their garages converted to a game room (house three doors down from me), so they can't fit any vehicles into the garage.

If I am interpreting this correctly, in order for STRs in the Bayside community to be able to operate legally, the county would not only have to change the effective date but would also have to change the parking size requirement as well. I am willing to allow the county to come to my townhouse to take measurements of my garage (I own a Strauss) if needed.

I am opposed to changing this date, parking is already a huge challenge to begin with during the summer months and becomes a huge safety concern when you have so many cars jammed along the streets and behind the condo/townhouse buildings. Not enforcing the current rules will only exacerbate the parking challenges we already face.

I just wanted to send an email to voice my concerns and provide floor plans to the rental license contact in the hopes that the county does not change the current laws. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist the county and feel free to reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,
Lynda Potthast



From: [Akhil Parashar](#)
To: [Eric Fiori](#); [commissioners](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Subject: Please Protect Existing Homeowners and Grandfather Us Under the Rules We Were Given
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 12:00:59 PM

Dear Commissioner Fiori and colleagues,

My name is Akhil Parashar. My wife, Mehak, and I **live full-time** at the Landings at Bayside here in Berlin. We own two townhomes side by side. One is our home year-round, and the other we use for family visits and occasional short-term rentals.

We're NOT out-of-town investors. We live here every day. We shop here, pay taxes here, and consider Worcester County our home. We were actually the first full-time residents in the new section of townhomes before the rest were even finished. We've been part of this community from the beginning....**We strongly support moving the effective date for the third parking space requirement to January 1, 2026.** Any new rule should apply going forward from that date AND not backward on homeowners who relied on the builder's past interpretation.

From 2020 through the summer of 2025, everyone in our community understood that using a shared third space in the community parking lot met the requirement. That wasn't something homeowners made up.... it was how the code was being understood and enforced at the time. We obtained our short-term rental permit in good faith. It was issued fairly by the county. We operated openly and responsibly...Then, after years of that understanding, permits were suddenly pulled. The ground shifted underneath people who had done everything by the book as it was explained to us. That's not right. If the county wants to change the rule going forward, we respect that. But those changes should start January 1, 2026, and homeowners who relied on the prior interpretation should be grandfathered in. Folks made serious financial decisions based on what they were told was allowed. You can't change the tide after the boat's already launched. With today's cost of living, preserving the ability to use short-term rental helps families like ours afford our mortgages without being forced into long-term leases as we have the flexibility to use the home to host family as well that way. It's our property, and the right to use it as it was permitted when we purchased matters.

We believe in responsible short-term rentals. We take care of our property and want to be good neighbors. We are a county that relies heavily on tourists and economic realities of us locals depend on that tourism. Bayside was designed to be a resort community with shared parking in mind, and that system worked for years without issue...All we're asking for is fairness. Let new rules apply to new homes after January 1, 2026. Let those of us who followed the rules as they stood be grandfathered in.

We're simply asking for fairness the chance to keep the promises that were in place when we put down roots here and built our lives in this community.... We love this community and plan to stay here... Thank you Ms Keener and commissioners for bringing this amendment forward,

and we respectfully ask for your approval.

Sincerely,

Akhil Parashar
Mehak Bassi

Full-Time Residents
Landings at Bayside
Berlin, Maryland

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From: [Cathy Schulte](#)
To: [Eric Fiori](#); [commissioners](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Subject: Favor of Approval of Extension in reference to STR in Landings at Bayside Community
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 2:19:41 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am in favor of approval of the text amendment which would modify the effective date at which a third parking space would be needed for short-term rental to January 1, 2026.

While at this time I have not applied or am considering applying at this time for a STR license in our community, if this amendment is not granted it will impact my ability to rent in the future, should the need arise. This was an option that was shared with us in consideration to purchase our second home in the event that our financial circumstances should change. Having the ability to fall back on secondary revenue streams to supplement costs incurred for many homeowners is essential and should be afforded to those who were unaware of the restrictions that were currently in place and not conveyed.

In conclusion, I am in support of short-term rental within the community and the incorporation of continuous improvements to eliminate future issues. I want to extend my appreciation to the commissioners for bringing this text amendment forward for public hearing and look forward to a fair and favorable outcome for all.

Regards,

Catherine Schulte
8626 South Park Drive, Unit 4
Berlin, MD 21811

From: [Christy Agnese](#)
To: [Eric Fiori](#); [commissioners](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Keener](#); [Dan Agnese](#)
Subject: Approve Text Amendment for STR on March 3
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2026 12:06:20 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to respectfully urge your **approval of the text amendment to Section 1-351(b)(5)**—specifically updating the phrase “*effective date of this section*” to **January 1, 2026**—at your March 3, 2026 meeting.

Since I personally applied for the text amendment, you already know my story and have seen the documentation of my conversations with the county and builder clearly stating that I intended to participate in short-term rental even before I decided to build my townhome in the Bayside community. You have seen that I was told by the county to submit my community parking map, which would demonstrate I had a third parking space. I followed the county’s guidance in full transparency from the moment I began planning on building my home in Bayside.

I built my townhome for **\$406,675.05**, closed on **April 11, 2025, and received my short-term rental permit that same month.** When the county revoked permits due to inconsistent enforcement, my **property rights were suddenly and unfairly disrupted**, despite having done everything asked of me.

From 2020–2025, homeowners in the county were repeatedly told by the county that shared community parking satisfied the requirement for the third spot. This misunderstanding did not come from residents; it came from long-standing inconsistencies in county communication and enforcement due to lack of oversight. Yet homeowners are now bearing the full impact.

The hardship on my family has been severe. I have had to use all of my summer rental earnings just to cover basic necessities—mortgage and utilities—simply to stay afloat. I do not have reserves to sustain a home with no rental income. **If the amendment is not approved, my only option will be to sell at a loss.** Even if it is approved, I will have to rent the home far more than originally intended instead of spending time with my extended family at the home just to begin to recover financially. This has placed an enormous and unexpected burden on us.

Since the license revocation, I have conservatively lost \$24,000 in expected income based on comparable homes—funds I responsibly relied on when deciding to build. **This is more than a policy issue—it is a matter of fairness and property rights.** We complied with the county’s instructions in good faith. Updating the effective date simply restores the rights we were told we had and relied upon when making major financial decisions.

I care deeply about responsible short-term rental and being a good neighbor. Bayside was designed with ample shared parking, and we have always operated with that understanding. **I have already volunteered to serve on the Rental Committee**

of the Bayside Community Homeowners Association to ensure that short-term rentals are properly regulated in the best interest of all homeowners in the community. Everyone who built in the Bayside community believed that their properties were eligible to participate in short-term rental due conversations with the county and consistent approval of new permits. Everyone felt welcomed to participate in short-term rental from the property management community and HOA guidelines, which were provided to us both during the sales process and upon closing.

I appreciate that you have already moved this amendment forward for public hearing. I respectfully ask you to finalize approval on March 3, 2026. As the commissioners recognized in 2019, applying new requirements retroactively creates an undue burden. We are unfortunately in that same situation today due to the confusion and lack of oversight caused by the county, and correcting the effective date to **January 1, 2026** is the fairest path forward. As a reminder of fact from the county, in Bayside there were 10 townhome short term rental permits revoked and 8 single family home permits were impacted.

Thank you for your time, thoughtful consideration, compassion for your constituents, and swift action to remedy this issue. I have copied Jennifer Keener so this message may be shared with all commissioners in their preferred format and included in the record.

Sincerely,
Christy

Christy Agnese
12423 Coastal Marsh Drive #5, Berlin, MD 21811

From: [Kerry Moorner](#)
To: [Eric Fiori](#); [commissioners](#); [Jennifer Keener](#); [Ryan Moorner](#)
Subject: Approve Text Amendment for STR on March 3
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:09:56 AM

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and hear my story. I know you are extremely busy. The intent of my email is to ask for your support in the approval of the text amendment to Section 1-351(b) (5)-to update the phrase “effective date of this section” to January 1, 2026, at your March 3, 2026 meeting.

My name is Kerry Moorner. I am married to Ryan Moorner and we have two children ages 7 and 11. My family and I live in Massachusetts and when visiting family in Berlin at Bayside Landings we fell in love with the area. We knew that this is where we wanted our two kids to spend their summer vacations. We fell in love with the people, the quaint downtown, the golf, the fishing, the beaches and just the overall way of life in Berlin. My husband and I spent years saving to find the perfect vacation home. Our number one criterion when looking for a home was the ability to do short term rentals. Short term rentals were a necessity in order for us to have the ability to enjoy the home but provide us with the rental income to help offset the cost and maintenance. We are not real estate investors this is the first property we have bought outside our primary residence. This rental income was critical for

us to be able to afford and keep the home.

In February 2024, (well after the 2020 the 3rd parking rule had been enacted), we begun conversations with Ryan Homes regarding pricing and available lots in Bayside Landings. We completed due diligence to ensure that rentals were allowed in Bayside Landings. We spoke to Jay Carlson with Ryan Homes and he knew from the beginning that our intention with the property was to use it for short term rentals. He assured us that rentals have been happening for 20 years in this community and that 70% of the community was second homes. He showed us properties similar to the one we were purchasing that had just been built that were currently being used as rentals. When selecting finishes with Jay and the project manager Bobby we discussed finishes that would be durable for use of short-term renters. I even had a specific conversation with Jay Carlson on March 10th, 2024, about short-term rentals. He assured me that rentals had been an integral part of this community for 20 years and couldn't see anything changing that. We then interviewed property managers. I only interviewed property managers that already worked within Bayside so they were familiar with the rules and expectations. These property managers had townhomes just like the one we were building that were already renting and had been issued valid rental licenses, some for years! We found the property manager that we liked and trusted because he

knew the community inside and out before we even closed on the home. We called and spoke to county to learn the rental application process and shared with them where we were planning on buying and they walked us through the steps. We spoke to Penny Cornwell at Bayside Community to understand the rental process. We read all the HOA rules and how you can rent within the community. Everything was falling into place. All the boxes were checked. We found a beautiful brand-new home close to the water that we could do short term rentals. After completing our due diligence, we decided to move forward with the property ultimately closing in November of 2024 with a purchase price of nearly \$400k (\$399,175).

On 12/31/2024 we submitted our rental application to Stacie Ayres Ennis, the rental license Program Coordinator. We submitted floor plans of our townhome, plans of the community and the plot plan of our townhome that clearly showed we only owned the two garage spaces. These plans showed plenty of off street well marked parking spots throughout the community and community center. Stacie Ayres Ennis replied back on 1/8/2025 that she had all she needed and the license would be in the mail. Upon receipt of rental license 5453 effective 12/31/2024, we listed the property to begin short rentals for the season of 2025. We had an extremely successful first season. Memorial Day kicked off our rentals and we were booked nearly solid through Labor Day. Of course,

our family spent 2 weeks there in July enjoying the home. The feedback on our home was so positive with nearly all 5-star reviews.

In August 2025, our world came crashing down when we received the letter stating that our rental license was revoked due to lack of a dedicated third parking space. I was dumbfounded. We did everything right. We asked everyone, the county, the builder, and the community. We purchased our home based on this guidance and here we are staring at this letter that we can no longer rent our home. We submitted floor plans, plot plans, and community plans. We showed the county everything and we were issued a valid rental license. This was not a misunderstanding on my part. This was the result of long-standing inconsistencies in the counties enforcement of parking requirements. This is not just a simple mistake. This is unfair and unjust to the homeowners being impacted. We brought in \$17,000 of revenue in our first partial rental year as we couldn't rent after September. There were only 6 days from Memorial Day through Labor Day that our home did not rent. So, if I am unable to rent for the 2026 season conservatively, I would estimate a loss of at least \$25,000. During my property manager interviews we had discovered that even one of the older townhomes in Bayside generated \$38,000 in rental revenue in the 2024 rental season.

What has ensued since August of 2025 has been heartbreaking. I have watched my new friends and neighbors put their homes on the market because they could no longer float their homes. Many of these homes are going to be sold at a loss. With so many homes for sale it is negatively impacting property values and ultimately the economy in the area.

Though you may hear arguments stating that they do not support short term rentals in general this is not what this vote on March 3rd is about. This vote on March 3rd is strictly to right a wrong and support these 18 families in the Bayside community that had their rental licenses revoked and purchased vacation homes based on a false pretense that was set by the county. This is not opening the county to a flood of new short-term rentals that are now be eligible to apply for new licenses. It is 10 single family homes and 8 townhomes. These were 18 families that properly applied and were issued valid rental licenses. We were not frivolous in our decisions to purchase these homes every one of us has the same story. Every one of us talked to all governing bodies that we needed to prior to closing on our homes. These were significant financial investments that were made based on the guidance of the county. My family is now facing an incredible financial hardship. I do not want to sell this house because we have fallen in love with the area but I can't afford to keep it without the ability to generate revenue. It is so upsetting to look at our community

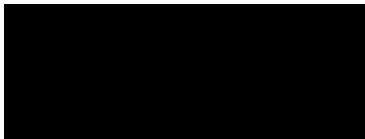
and see all these homes for sale some of which they have not even had for a year.

I take my renting responsibilities very seriously as this is my home that we love. We do not allow parties. Only registered guests are allowed. We do not allow pets. We do not allow people to do short/one night stays; we avoid last minute bookings without validating guests reviews. We avoid guests without reviews. Next season I plan to put in noise detectors that automatically alert the property manager when noise levels exceed certain levels along with installing outside cameras to ensure that guests are abiding by the number of registered guests. My property manager lives in Berlin so he is close by and available at a moment's notice for anything that may happen. We are committed to working with the HOA to create an environment allows for common ground between full time residents and short-term rental guests. We have plenty of off-street parking in the community. We can work with our HOA to come up with a solution and remedy any concerns that the county may have around parking. Many of the streets have already been turned into one way and no parking is allowed on one side of the street to alleviate any concerns that may come up around fire trucks being able to fit down the streets.

Thank you for taking the time to read my family's story. I hope that you will stand with us on March 3rd

and allow us to keep our homes. Please support the approval of the text amendment to Section 1-351(b) (5)-to update the phrase “effective date of this section” to January 1, 2026. Thank you again for your time and your support.

Kerry Moorer



12243 Hidden Bay Dr Unit 2

Berlin, MD

From: [Jim Brucculeri](#)
To: [commissioners](#); [Eric Fiori](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Subject: Text amendment
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2026 8:12:02 PM

Dear commissioners ,

My name is James Brucculeri and I own a townhome at Bayside Landing. My address is 8653 North Park Drive, Unit 702. We purchased in May of 2023 and the house was finished in February 2024. The townhome is our second home, as our primary residence is in New York. We purchased at Bayside as a retirement home for our family as I finish up my last few years of law enforcement service. I retired from the Air Force in 2021 with 21 years in service as a reservist. We purchased the townhome believing that it would provide us with a rental income to offset the burden of owning two homes. We love the area and I have been vacationing in OC and Berlin since I was 6 years old.

We are strongly in favor of the text amendment , which would modify the effective date in which a third parking space would be needed for short term rentals to January 1st, 2026.

When we purchased the house from Ryan Homes, they advertised the home as capable of being a short term rental property and assured us this was easily doable. The HOA bylaws for the development have a procedure for short term rentals in the community. After purchasing, I contacted Worcester county with all the necessary paperwork and I received a STR permit in March of 2024. Dozens of other homeowners followed the same process and were granted STR's for their respective properties. I renewed my STR permit with Worcester County in 2025 and it was granted. Last summer we unexpectedly received a letter from the county stating the permits were issued erroneously and immediately invalid. Unfortunately, we had to cancel over 8 bookings for our AirBNB and turn down half a dozen returning renters this calendar year. Our financial loss is in the order of disastrous.

Financially, without the rental income of our MD property we cannot afford the townhome and our current house. If the text amendment is not passed we will have to sell our townhome with an enormous financial loss due to the cancellation of rentals in 2025 and no income for 2026. I understand that I can rent the property on a long term basis, however, that will result in a financial loss as the rent will not cover the mortgage. Additionally, my family will no longer be able to utilize the townhome. I would also become an absentee landlord to the property which will create additional concerns and difficulties. Our story is not unique; most if not all of the new property owners within the Bayside Landings community bought their properties with the same understanding that STR were permitted. In fact, Worcester county also confirmed that property owners at Bayside could rent on a short term basis. Worcester county granted me two years of rental permits without any issues. The financial burden to my family and the community is devastating. Property owners have purchased homes ranging from \$350,000 dollars to \$730,000 in a community that was granted permission to short term rent from the builder and the county. Its extremely frustrating and infuriating that the he older townhomes next to my building are still able to rent due to a grandfather stipulation. Can you imagine being in financial ruin because you can't rent your home but the houses 20 feet away can? It infuriates me and it should infuriate every commissioner on the board. The law should be enforced on all new planned communities and every buyer should be made aware of the regulations prior to purchasing future homes.

It is my belief that the county is infringing on the rights of the homeowners. The HOA within the community should have the ultimate decision about short term rentals. The confusing, verbose regulation was not even enforced by the county for 5 years. Everyone in the community was under the impression that the numerous spots around the development were ample and adequate for third space parking. The county came to the development this past summer and striped curbs and placed new parking signage to allow safety vehicles to operate within Bayside Landing. Again, every buyer in that community was enticed by the builder, the HOA, and Worcester county that short term renting was permitted in the development. The impact of this has been far reaching. Not only have we suffered financially, we have suffered emotionally. The stress this has caused the community and my family has fractured the relationships among the residents at Bayside Landing causing tangible tension and resentment.

I support the text amendment to allow short term rentals. We can continuously improve the rental process in the

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county and in the community. I would like to thank the commissioners for forwarding the text amendment change for public hearing. Thank you Ms. Keener for submitting your letter for the record and forwarding it to all the commissioners.

Sincerely,

James Brucculeri

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nziavake Masimasi](#)
To: [Eric Fiori](#); [commissioners](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Keener](#)
Subject: Text amendment
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2026 8:11:46 PM

Dear commissioners,

My name is Nicole Masimasi. I closed on a townhome at Bayside landing in May 2025. My family and I visited this community for the first time in January 2025 and fell in love with it. We were looking for a second home we can enjoy as a family and rent it in between our visits to help us pay the mortgage.

Bayside landing was the perfect community. Our builder/seller agent assured us the community allows short term rental and this was confirmed when I talked to the Bayside clubhouse agent. The clubhouse agent gave me a copy of a short term rental form that each one of my customers had to fill out plus a \$100 fee in order to use amenities in the community. When I took my license application to the county office, I met with the Rental License Program Coordinator, Ms Stacie Ayeres-Ennis who also confirmed that the Bayside landing community had multiple short term rental (STR) applications approved.

I was very excited when I got my short term license in June 2025. I had run my STR for only one month when I received an email that my license was revoked. It has been very difficult to keep up with all the home expenses since. I am trying to do mid term rental but it is not working. I have not had a single booking for midterm rental . If I convert to a long term rental , my family and I won't have access to the house. Our dream of a second home near the beach is crumbling.

I am and will continue to be a responsible short term renter. All my clients go through screening before I can accept booking. I reinforce strict house rules to make sure my neighbors and anyone in the community are comfortable. My family uses our townhouse often and we are planning to continue to do so. I am committed to keeping this community enjoyable for everyone.

I am strongly in favor of the text amendment which modifies the effective date of a third parking space requirement for short term rental to January 1, 2026.

Thank you commissioners for bringing this text amendment forward for public hearing on March 3rd

Thank you Ms.Jennifer Keeper for submitting my letter for the record and forwarding it to all the commissioners.

Sincerely,

Nicole Masimasi



Worcester County Administration
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TO: The Salisbury Daily Times and OC Today Dispatch Group
FROM: Candace Savage, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
DATE: February 26, 2026
SUBJECT: Worcester County Public Hearing Notice

Please print the below Public Hearing Notice in The Salisbury Daily Times and Ocean City Digest/OC Today Dispatch on February 5, 2026 and February 12, 2026. Thank you.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF BILL 26-02
WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Take Notice that Bill 26-02 was introduced by Commissioners Abbott, Bertino, Bunting, Elder, Fiori, Mitrecic, and Purnell on January 20, 2026. A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

Bill 26-02 is titled AN ACT TO EMPOWER AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND TO BORROW ON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT NOT MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$618,000) IN ORDER TO FINANCE AND REFINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO LEWIS ROAD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT(S).

A Public Hearing will be held at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 1101 – Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, Maryland on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 10:40 AM.

This is only a fair summary of the bill. A full copy of the bill is available for public inspection in the main hall of the Worcester County Government Center outside Room 1103. In addition, a full copy of the bill is available on the county website at www.co.worcester.md.us.

THE WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL 26-02

BY: Commissioners Abbott, Bertino, Bunting, Elder, Fiori, Mitrecic, and Purnell
 INTRODUCED: January 20, 2026

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EMPOWER AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND (THE “COUNTY”) TO BORROW ON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT NOT MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$618,000) IN ORDER TO FINANCE AND REFINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO LEWIS ROAD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT(S) IN THE COUNTY AND TO EFFECT SUCH BORROWING BY THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO BE LEVIED BY THE COUNTY; EXEMPTING THE BONDS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 19-205 AND 19-207 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND; AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF SUCH BONDS AND RELATING GENERALLY TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Appendix WW to the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be created to read as follows:

APPENDIX “WW”

BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINANCING A PORTION OF THE COST OF
 ENGINEERING, DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND
 UNDERTAKING SITE WORK FOR LEWIS ROAD SEWER SYSTEM PROJECT(S)

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Sections 19-501 to 19-510, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as replaced, supplemented or amended (the “Act”), County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland (the “County”) may borrow money for any public purpose and may evidence the borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds. By and through Resolution No. 24-17, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County (the “Board”) on November 11, 2024, the County has approved and adopted the Worcester County 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2026 to FY 2030 which includes engineering, designing, constructing, equipping, furnishing and undertaking site work for the Lewis Road Sewer System project(s) (the “Project”). Acting pursuant to the authority hereof, the resolution referred to herein and the Act, the County is authorized to borrow money and incur indebtedness at one time or from time to time, upon its full faith and credit, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Six Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$618,000) for the public purpose of financing and refinancing costs of the Project and paying the costs of issuance of such borrowing and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance, sale (at public or private sale) and delivery of its general obligation bonds (the “Bonds”).

SECTION 2. To evidence this borrowing, the County, by resolution adopted by the Board pursuant hereto, shall issue and sell one or more series of its general obligation bonds. No series of the Bonds authorized by this Local Law shall be issued more than four years after the date this Local Law becomes effective. Prior to issuing all or any part of the bonds authorized to be issued hereunder, the Board shall adopt a resolution containing all of the provisions required under Section 19-504(d) of the Act. The resolution may also contain such other provisions as the Board may deem appropriate. The form and tenor of the bonds, the dates, amounts, place or places of payment and method of payment (as to both principal and interest of the bonds), the probable useful life of the projects, the terms and conditions of public or private sale of the bonds, including the method of

determining the interest rate or rates to be paid on the bonds and the method of awarding the bonds to the purchaser, the public purposes to be achieved by the borrowing, and the consummation of the transactions herein authorized and all other matters and details incident to the designation, terms, offering for sale, sale, issuance and delivery of and payment for, the bonds shall be determined by the resolution. The resolution may be passed by the Board at any time after the passage hereof, and the appropriate officers of the County may take any steps deemed appropriate to effect the timely issuance and sale of the bonds pursuant to the resolution at any time after the passage hereof, provided only that the resolution may not become finally effective until the effective date hereof. The bonds may be sold on any date or dates after the effective date hereof.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of satisfying the debt service requirements on the Bonds, the County shall levy for each and every fiscal year during which any of the Bonds may be outstanding ad valorem taxes upon all real and tangible personal property within its boundaries subject to assessment for unlimited County taxation in rate and amount sufficient to provide for the prompt payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds maturing in each fiscal year; and, in the event the proceeds from the collection of the taxes so levied in any such fiscal year prove to be inadequate for such purpose, additional taxes shall be levied in the subsequent fiscal year to make up any deficiency.

The full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the prompt payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due, and to the levy and collection of the taxes hereinabove described as and when such taxes become necessary in order to provide sufficient funds to meet the debt service requirements of the Bonds. The County hereby covenants with each holder of any of the Bonds to take any action that may be appropriate from time to time during the period that any of the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid to provide the funds necessary to make the principal and interest payments due thereon and further covenants and agrees to levy and collect the taxes hereinabove described

SECTION 4. The bonds authorized to be issued hereunder are hereby specifically exempted from the provisions of Sections 19-205 and 19-206 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume, as amended).

SECTION 5. The County is hereby authorized pursuant to the Enabling Act and Section 19-207 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume, as amended) (the "Refunding Act") to issue its bonds ("Refunding Bonds") for the purpose of refunding any bonds issued hereunder. The Refunding Bonds may be issued at one time or from time to time, for one or more public purposes specified for the issuance of refunding bonds in the Refunding Act, and sold at public or private sale, as may be further provided in the resolution of the Council. The aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds shall not exceed 120% of the principal amount of the bonds being refunded. The validity of any such Refunding Bonds shall in no way be dependent upon or related to the validity or invalidity of the obligations so refunded.

SECTION 6. The authority to borrow money and to issue bonds conferred on the County by this Local Law shall be deemed to provide additional, alternative and supplemental authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all previously enacted laws authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the power contained in them is continuing or has not been exercised, unless any law is expressly repealed by this Local Law, and the validity of any bonds issued under previously enacted laws is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. This Local Law, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of Worcester County, shall be liberally construed to effect its purposes. All Public Local Laws previously enacted, and parts of Public Local Laws previously enacted, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Local Law, are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this Bill shall take effect forty-five (45) days from the date of its passage .

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest:

Worcester County Commissioners

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Chief Administrative Officer

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To: County Commissioners

From: Roscoe R. Leslie

Date: January 8, 2026

RE: Lewis Road Bond Bill Introduction

Attached for introduction is a bond bill securing \$618,000 in USDA funding for the Lewis Road Sewer Extension Project.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL 26-01

By: _____

Introduced: _____

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EMPOWER AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND (THE “COUNTY”) TO BORROW ON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT NOT MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$618,000) IN ORDER TO FINANCE AND REFINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO LEWIS ROAD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT(S) IN THE COUNTY AND TO EFFECT SUCH BORROWING BY THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO BE LEVIED BY THE COUNTY; EXEMPTING THE BONDS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 19-205 AND 19-207 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND; AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF SUCH BONDS AND RELATING GENERALLY TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Appendix WW to the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland be created to read as follows:

APPENDIX “WW”

BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINANCING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ENGINEERING, DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND UNDERTAKING SITE WORK FOR LEWIS ROAD SEWER SYSTEM PROJECT(S)

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Sections 19-501 to 19-510, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as replaced, supplemented or amended (the “Act”), County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland (the “County”) may borrow money for any public purpose and may evidence the borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds. By and through Resolution No. 24-17, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County (the “Board”) on November 11, 2024, the County has approved and adopted the Worcester County 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2026 to FY 2030 which includes engineering, designing, constructing, equipping, furnishing and undertaking site work for the Lewis Road Sewer System project(s) (the “Project”). Acting pursuant to the authority hereof, the resolution referred to herein and the Act, the County is authorized to borrow money and incur indebtedness at one time or from time to time, upon its full faith and credit, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Six Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$618,000) for the public purpose of financing and refinancing costs of the Project and paying the costs of issuance of such borrowing and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance, sale (at public or private sale) and delivery of its general obligation bonds (the “Bonds”).

SECTION 2. To evidence this borrowing, the County, by resolution adopted by the Board pursuant hereto, shall issue and sell one or more series of its general obligation bonds. No series of the Bonds authorized by this Local Law shall be issued more than four years after the date this Local Law becomes effective. Prior to issuing all or any part of the bonds authorized to be issued hereunder, the Board shall adopt a resolution containing all of the provisions required under Section 19-504(d) of the Act. The resolution may also contain such other provisions as the Board may deem appropriate. The form and tenor of the bonds, the dates, amounts, place or places of payment and method of payment (as to both principal and interest of the bonds),

the probable useful life of the projects, the terms and conditions of public or private sale of the bonds, including the method of determining the interest rate or rates to be paid on the bonds and the method of awarding the bonds to the purchaser, the public purposes to be achieved by the borrowing, and the consummation of the transactions herein authorized and all other matters and details incident to the designation, terms, offering for sale, sale, issuance and delivery of and payment for, the bonds shall be determined by the resolution. The resolution may be passed by the Board at any time after the passage hereof, and the appropriate officers of the County may take any steps deemed appropriate to effect the timely issuance and sale of the bonds pursuant to the resolution at any time after the passage hereof, provided only that the resolution may not become finally effective until the effective date hereof. The bonds may be sold on any date or dates after the effective date hereof.

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PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

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TO: The Salisbury Daily Times and OC Today Dispatch Group
FROM: Candace Savage, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
DATE: February 26, 2026
SUBJECT: Worcester County Public Hearing Notice

Please print the Public Hearing Notice below in The Salisbury Daily Times and Ocean City Digest/OC Today Dispatch on February 19, 2026. Thank you.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AMENDMENT TO COUNTY ROADS INVENTORY, WORCESTER COUNTY

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 1-204 of the Public Works Article of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland, that the County Commissioners of Worcester County will hold a

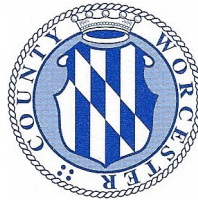
Public Hearing
on March 3, 2026, at 10:40 a.m.
in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room,
Room 1101-Government Center
One West Market Street,
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed inclusion into the Inventory of County Roads of the following public road, which is located within the Beech Tree Subdivision on August 19, 2025, and found the road met County specifications. Northeast of Snug Harbor Road, in the Third Tax District of Worcester County, Maryland, as shown on Worcester County Tax Map 33 as P/O Parcels 298.

- 1. Beech Tree Road (0.07 Miles, 50' ROW, and 22' Road Width)

Copies of the plat for the above referenced road are filed with the Department of Public Works - Roads Division, 6113 Timmons Road, Snow Hill, Maryland, and are available during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM, except holidays) for inspection. The public is invited to attend the hearing and submit comments.

THE WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



DALLAS BAKER JR., P.E.
DIRECTOR

Worcester County
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
6113 TIMMONS ROAD
SNOW HILL, MD 21863

JANA POTVIN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Weston S. Young, P.E. Chief Administrative Officer
Candace Savage, CGFM Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Dallas Baker, Jr., P.E., Director *Dallas Baker Jr*
DATE: January 26, 2026
SUBJECT: Beech Tree Subdivision – Road Inspection

Public Works is requesting Commissioner approval to schedule a public hearing pursuant to the Worcester County Code Section PW 1-204 for the acceptance of Beech Tree Road into the Inventory of Public Roads of Worcester County. The Roads Division conducted a final inspection on Beech Tree Road (0.07 Miles, 50' ROW, and 22' Road Width) within the Beech Tree Subdivision on August 19, 2025, and found the road met County specifications. Public Works is requesting the Commissioners schedule the hearing once the developer has submitted all required items (warranty deed, road plat, title certificate signed by attorney, release of mortgage lien, check for advertising cost) to the Office of the County Commissioners.

Attached is the Letter of Certification dated January 30, 2025, from Frank G. Lynch, Jr., Land Surveyor with Frank G. Lynch, Jr. & Associates, Inc. regarding the placement of road monuments and lot corners within the above referenced Subdivision known as "Beech Tree Place". Also included is a memorandum dated August 19, 2025 from Paul Renshaw, Zoning Inspector II, which states a lot monumentation inspection was performed by Frank G. Lynch, Jr. of Frank G. Lynch, Jr. & Associates, Inc., and that all the road monuments and lot corner markers have been installed in accordance with the requirements of ZS 2-503, of the Worcester County Code.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Attachments

cc: Jana Potvin, Public Works Deputy Director
Kevin Lynch, Roads Superintendent
Roscoe Leslie, County Attorney



DEPARTMENT OF
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND PERMITTING

Worcester County

GOVERNMENT CENTER
ONE WEST MARKET STREET, ROOM 1201
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ZONING DIVISION
BUILDING DIVISION
PLANNING DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

CUSTOMER SERVICE DIVISION
TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION
NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kristen Tremblay, Zoning Administrator
FROM: Paul Renshaw, Zoning Inspector II
DATE: August 19, 2025
Subject: Beech Tree Place Subdivision, Tax Map 33, Parcel 148

A lot monumentation marker inspection has been completed for Beech Tree Place Subdivision. This memo will serve to confirm that all the monumentation markers have been installed in accordance with the requirements of §ZS 2-503, of the Worcester County Code.

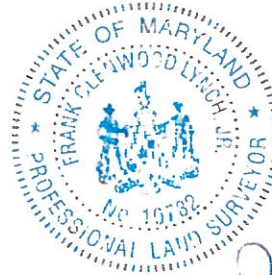
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Renshaw, Zoning Inspector at 410-632-1200/Ext. 1135. Or email prenshaw@worcestermd.gov

Cc: Gary Pusey

1-30-2025

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ALL LOT MONUMENTATION WITHIN BEECH TREE PLACE SUBDIVISION HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUBDIVISION PLAT DATED 12-12-2024.



Frank G. Lynch, Jr.
FRANK LYNCH JR.

1-30-2025
DATE

Frank G. Lynch, Jr.
& Associates, Inc.

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DRAWN BY FGL JR.
FILE NO. 11473-24
DATE 1-30-2025

ITEM 17



Stephen Cooper Hwy

Stephen Cooper Blvd

Step Harbour Rd

Step Harbour Rd

Bethany United Methodist Church

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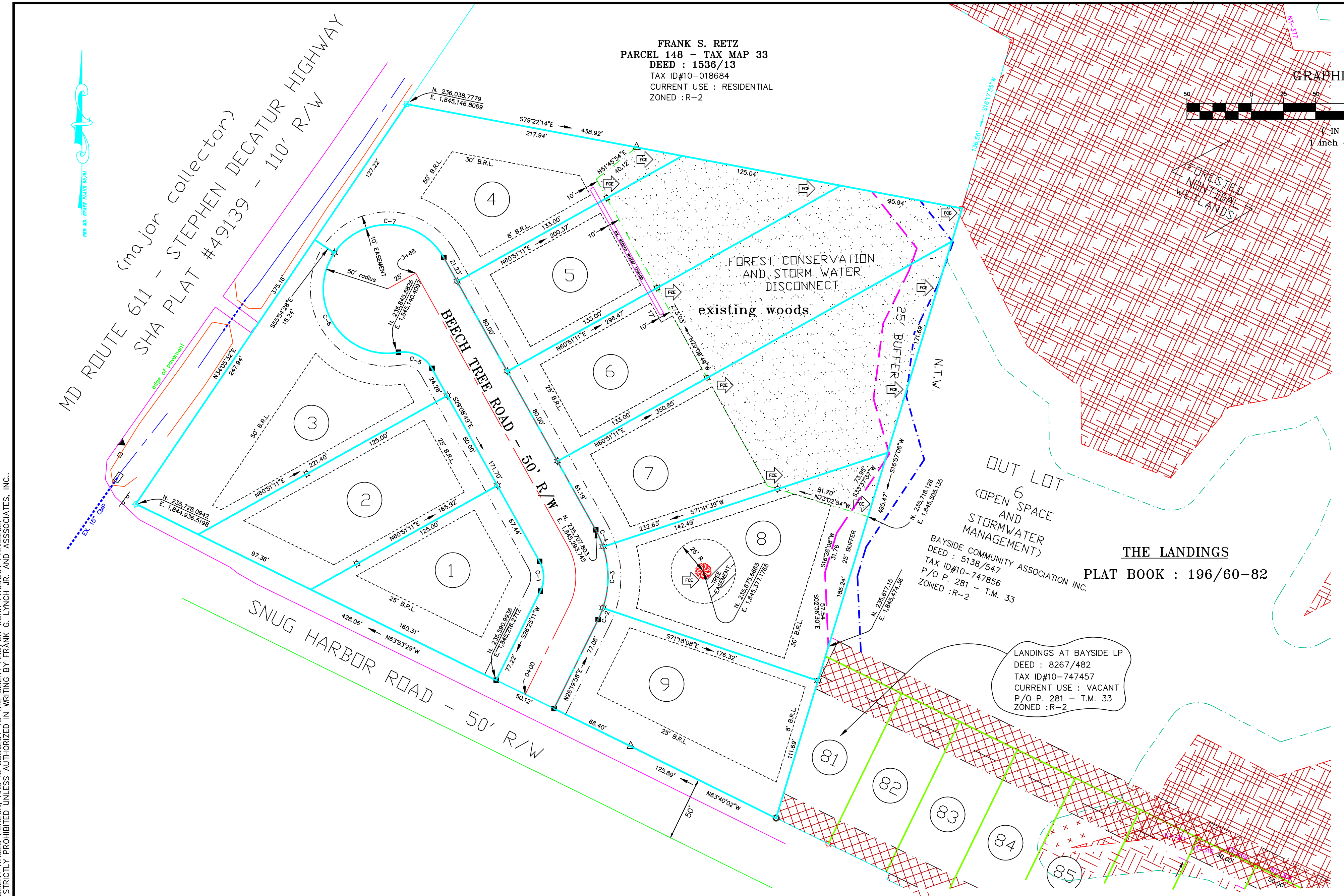
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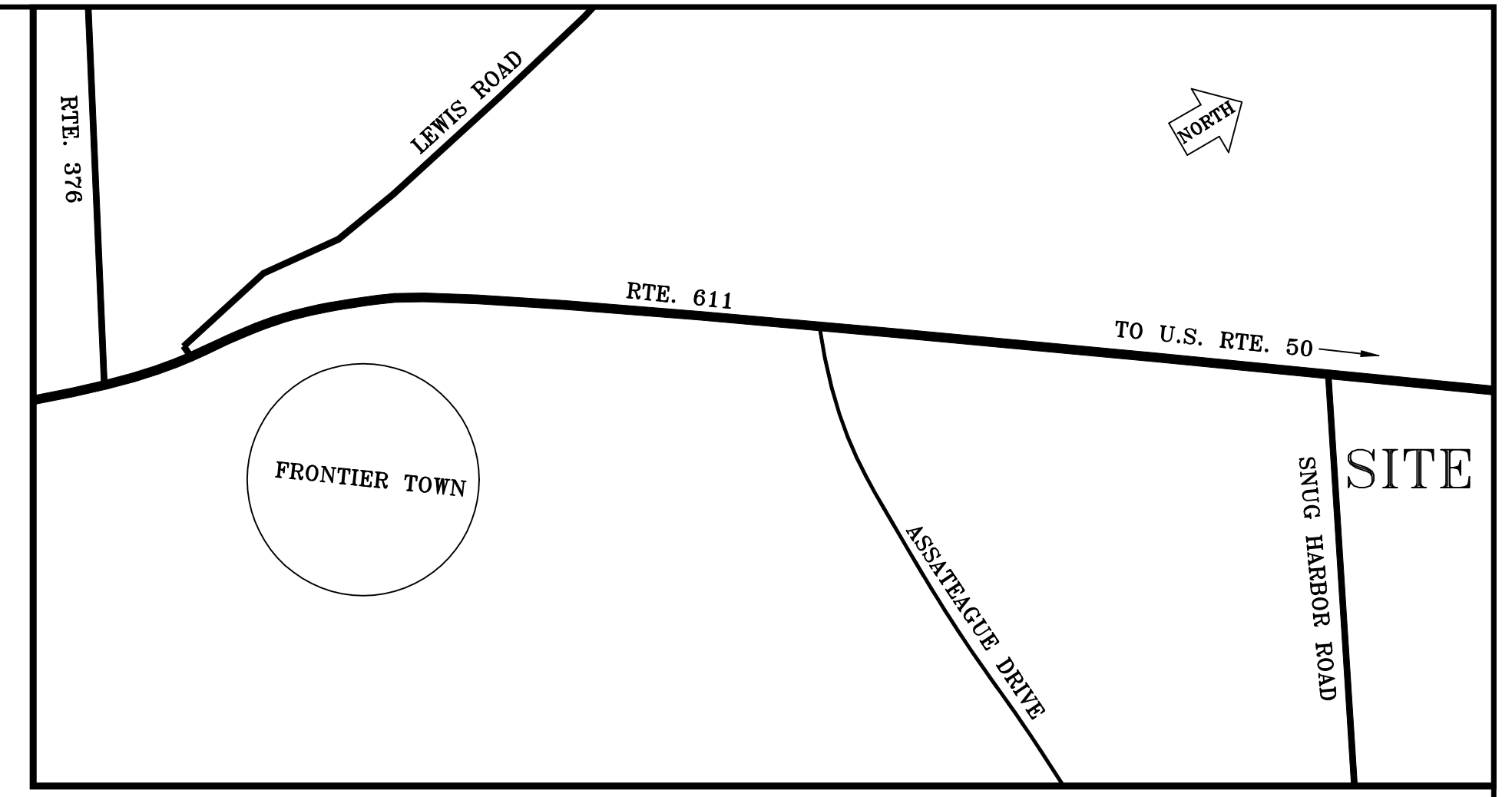
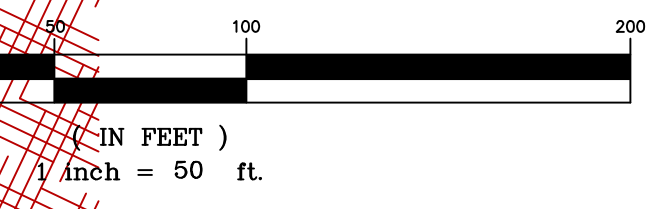
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FRANK S. RETZ
 PARCEL 148 - TAX MAP 33
 DEED : 1536/13
 TAX ID#10-018684
 CURRENT USE : RESIDENTIAL
 ZONED : R-2

GRAPHIC SCALE



STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND DRAINAGE NOTES

THERE ARE EXISTING SWALES AND DRAINAGE PIPES CONSTRUCTED. THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE REFLECTED ON A PLAN ON FILE WITH THE WORCESTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT. THIS STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM WILL NOT BE ALTERED AS TO RESTRICT THE FLOW OF WATER. DRAINAGE PIPES MAY BE REPLACED IN KIND AS NECESSARY AND THE SWALES ALONG THE ROAD AND IN BETWEEN LOTS SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN THEIR CURRENT CONDITION TO INSURE THE POSITIVE FLOW OF WATER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIGN PLANS. ANY PROPERTY OWNER FOUND TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO HAVE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED THE EXISTING DRAINAGE SYSTEM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RESTORING SAID SYSTEM TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DESIGN PLANS AS ARE ON FILE WITH THE WORCESTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

PLANS FOR CENTRAL WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAID FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL LOTS OFFERED FOR SALE. THIS SUBDIVISION SHOWN HEREON IS APPROVED AS BEING IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE WORCESTER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWERAGE PLAN PROVIDING FOR CENTRAL WATER SUPPLY AND CENTRAL SEWERAGE. THIS PROPERTY IS SERVED BY THE MYSTIC HARBOR SANITARY SERVICE AREA FOR BOTH SEWER AND WATER.

OWNER'S CERTIFICATION

THE SUBDIVISION OF LAND AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT IS WITH FREE CONSENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRES OF THE OWNERS, PROPRIETORS, AND TRUSTEES, IF ANY, THEREOF. THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3-108 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (LATEST EDITION) AS FAR AS THEY RELATE TO THE MAKING OF THIS PLAT AND SETTING OF MARKERS HAVE BEEN COMPLIED

APPROVING AUTHORITY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS
 DATE:

OWNER : MAGNOLIA COURT LLC
 10425 KEYSER POINT ROAD
 OCEAN CITY, MD. 21842

WORCESTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

- A. THE GRANT OF A PERMIT OR APPROVAL OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A REPRESENTATION, GUARANTY OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND BY WORCESTER COUNTY OR BY ANY OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF OF THE PRACTICABILITY, BUILDABILITY OR SAFETY OF ANY PROPOSED USE, AND SHALL CREATE NO LIABILITY UPON THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES.
- B. ANY APPROVAL BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION OF ANY POTABLE WATER OR WASTEWATER SYSTEM OR SUITABILITY THEREFOR IS BASED UPON STATE AND COUNTY STANDARDS EXISTING AS OF THE DATE OF APPROVAL. SUCH STANDARDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND A BUILDING PERMIT MAY BE DENIED IN THE FUTURE. IN THE EVENT CURRENT STANDARDS CANNOT BE MET AS OF THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR SUCH PERMIT, THE APPROVAL SHOWN HEREON IS NOT SUFFICIENT APPROVAL FOR A PERMIT.
- C. THE FOLLOWING STREETS, ROADS, WIDENING STRIPS, AMENITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS : BEECH TREE ROAD - 50' R/W CONTAINING 24,369 SF ± & 368 LF IN LENGTH IS HEREBY OFFERED FOR DEDICATION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR WORCESTER COUNTY. ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH OFFER MAY TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME BY APPROPRIATE ACT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE IN NO WAY REQUIRED TO ACCEPT SUCH OFFER. THE OFFER MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
- D. WORCESTER COUNTY DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE DEVELOPMENT OR CONSTRUCTION OF ANY AMENITIES SHOWN ON THIS PLAT. ALL SUCH AMENITIES SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER AND DEVELOPER OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

APPROVING AUTHORITY: WORCESTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
 DATE:

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION

I Herby Certify, To The Best of My Knowledge And Belief, That The Requirements Of Section 3-108 Of The Real Property Article Of The Annotated Code Of Maryland (Latest Edition) Concerning The Making Of This Plat And The Setting Of Markers As Well As All Of The Requirements Of The County Commissioners And Ordinances Of The County Of Worcester, Maryland Regarding The Platting Of Subdivisions Within The County Have Been Complied With.

Frank G. Lynch, Jr.
 Reg # 10782

DATE:

WETLAND DELINEATION NOTE

THE NON TIDAL WETLANDS LINE AS DELINEATED BY SPENCER ROWE, INC. AND DATED SEPTEMBER 2016 AND AS SHOWN HEREON HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED BY REGULATORY AUTHORITIES AND THEREFORE MAY OR MAY NOT BE VALID FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT. AT THE TIME OF SITE DEVELOPMENT, THE NON TIDAL WETLAND MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE VERIFIED IN THE FIELD BY THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY. DEVELOPMENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ALL REGULATIONS AND PERMITTING IN EFFECT AT THAT TIME. ANY REDUCTION IN BUILDABLE AREA BELOW THE STATUTORILY PRESCRIBED MINIMUM AS A RESULT OF FUTURE REGULATORY VERIFICATION OR REGULATION OR A CHANGE IN TOPOGRAPHY MAY RENDER THE LOT OR LOTS AS SHOWN HEREON UNBUILDABLE. THE APPROVAL OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A REPRESENTATION, GUARANTY OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND BY WORCESTER COUNTY OR BY ANY OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF OF THE PRACTICABILITY, BUILDABILITY OR SAFETY OF ANY PROPOSED USE AND SHALL CREATE NO LIABILITY UPON THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES.

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- ⊗ DENOTES IRON ROD SET
- △ DENOTES UNMARKED POINT

WORCESTER COUNTY FOREST CONSERVATION NOTE

THIS SUBDIVISION IS SUBJECT TO THE WORCESTER COUNTY FOREST CONSERVATION LAW. THIS SUBDIVISION IS SUBJECT TO FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN NO.22-33. ANY FUTURE APPROVAL OF THIS LAND FOR A REGULATED ACTIVITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY FOREST CONSERVATION LAW. A FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN HAS BEEN APPROVED AND IS ON FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS. A PERPETUAL PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT - DEED OF FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT, WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, WILL BE RECORDED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THIS PLAT IN THE LAND RECORDS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND.

□ DENOTES FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT = 1.07 ACRES ±

NOTE : WITH THE RECORDING OF THIS PLAT THE PROPERTY OWNER DOES HEREBY GRANT TO WORCESTER COUNTY OFFICIALS AND/OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES FREE ACCESS TO ANY FOREST CONSERVATION AREA AS SHOWN HEREON.

GENERAL NOTES

1. OWNER : MAGNOLIA COURT LLC
 10425 KEYSER POINT ROAD
 OCEAN CITY, MD. 21842
 DEED : 8530/181
 TAX ID#10-768834
 CURRENT USE : AGRICULTURAL
 P. 298 - T.M. 33
 TOTAL SITE AREA = 4.84 ACRES
2. EX. ZONING: R-2
 ZONING SETBACKS:
 FRONT: 25', SIDES: 8', REAR: 30'
3. BASED UPON THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP COMMUNITY-PANEL NUMBER 24047001704, DATED 7-16-2015 THIS SUBDIVISION IS LOCATED IN ZONE X
4. THIS PROPERTY IS NOT WITHIN THE ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA.
5. THERE ARE NO ANIMAL CONTAINMENT STRUCTURES WITHIN 200' OF THIS SUBDIVISION.
6. THERE ARE NO PUBLIC DRAINAGE ASSOCIATION DITCHES ADJOINING OR WITHIN THIS SUBDIVISION.
8. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN WORCESTER COUNTY SUBWATERSHED : OCEAN/COASTAL #2130104 - SINEPUXENT BAY DRAINAGE.
9. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO CREATE NINE BUILDABLE LOTS.
10. EASEMENTS ARE HEREBY CREATED 10' IN WIDTH CENTERED ON THE SIDE PROPERTY LINES OF ALL LOTS FOR UTILITIES AND/OR DRAINAGE.

LOT BREAKDOWN

LOT	TOTAL AREA	BUILDABLE
LOT 1 =	+/-13,907 SF	+/- 5,956 SF
LOT 2 =	+/-15,493 SF	+/- 8,947 SF
LOT 3 =	+/-21,914 SF	+/- 6,510 SF
LOT 4 =	+/-19,067 SF	+/- 5,784 SF
LOT 5 =	+/-19,874 SF	+/- 6,272 SF
LOT 6 =	+/-27,173 SF	+/- 6,742 SF
LOT 7 =	+/-29,472 SF	+/- 8,052 SF
LOT 8 =	+/-21,450 SF	+/- 10,220 SF
LOT 9 =	+/-18,166 SF	+/- 9,984 SF
TOTAL =	+/-186,516 SF	

CURVE	LENGTH	RADIUS	DELTA	TANGENT	CHORD DIRECTION	CHORD
C-1	24.25	25.00	55°34'01"	13.17	N01°21'49"W	23.31
C-2	9.99	75.00	07°38'06"	5.00	N22°30'55"E	9.99
C-3	48.44	75.00	37°00'13"	25.10	N00°11'45"E	47.60
C-4	14.19	75.00	10°50'28"	7.12	N23°43'35"W	14.17
C-5	30.77	25.00	70°31'44"	17.68	N64°24'41"W	28.87
C-6	116.73	50.00	133°46'05"	117.13	S32°47'31"E	91.97
C-7	101.89	50.00	116°45'39"	81.21	N87°31'39"W	85.15

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				RECORD PLAT P/O PARCEL 298 - TAX MAP 33 TENTH TAX DISTRICT, WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND	BEECH TREE ROAD AS BUILT BEECH TREE PLACE SUBDIVISION PARCEL 298 - TAX MAP 33 DEED : 8338/422 4.84 ACRES ±		DESIGNED BY: N/A DRAWN BY: F.G.L. JR. CHECKED BY: FRANK G. LYNCH	SURVEYED BY: DATE: 1-07-2026 SCALE: 1" = 50'	FILE NO.: 11473-24 SHEET 1 OF 1
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-___

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE INVENTORY OF PUBLIC ROADS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND TO INCLUDE THE BEECH TREE SUBDIVISION RESIDENTIAL ROAD

WHEREAS, the Worcester County Commissioners have adopted an Inventory of Public Roads of Worcester County in accordance with § PW 1-202 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of § PW 1-204 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, Maryland, the Worcester County Commissioners held a public hearing on March 3, 2026 for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed inclusion of a certain road into the Inventory of Public Roads of Worcester County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The Inventory of Public Roads of Worcester County, Maryland shall be amended as follows pursuant to a public hearing held on March 3, 2026, to include the following described road, located on the northwesterly side of Snug Harbor Road, in the Third Tax District of Worcester County, Maryland, as shown on Tax Map 33, as p/o Parcel 298 and known as the Beech Tree subdivision:

- 1. Beech Tree Road being approximately 0.07 miles in length, 50' ROW and 22' Road Width.

Section 3. Executed this _____ day of _____, 2026. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Theodore J. Elder, President

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