

**BYLAWS OF THE PLUMBING BOARD
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Board shall be the St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The strategy of the St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board is to serve and protect the health and welfare of the citizens of St. Mary's County. Likewise, the board shall aid and support the plumbing and fuel gas trades in St. Mary's County by instilling quality work ethics and safety standards to avoid hazards. The board shall introduce, amend, and execute the current plumbing code and standards in order to refine the installation practices in St. Mary's County. Furthermore, the board can ensure a consistent and reliable enforcement process by communicating all rulings to the Maryland State Plumbing Board.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1

The membership of this board shall be limited to seven (7) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2

The seven (7) member board shall be composed of three(3) members currently or previously licensed Master Plumbers one (1) person representing the Health Department, one (1) person representing the Propane Industry, and one (1) person representing the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission.

Section 3

The term of membership is limited to no more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. The term of the seven appointments shall be staggered.

Section 4

Reimbursement for members is as set forth in Land Use and Growth Management's Annual Budget.

Section 5

Any member desiring to resign from serving on the Board shall submit his resignation in writing to the President of the Board of County Commissioners. The County Administrator shall present it to the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 6

Two consecutive unexcused absences at scheduled Board meetings may result in the replacement of the member on the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1

The officers of the Board shall be Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, and Executive Secretary. The Chairperson shall submit an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners by June 30 of each year.

Section 2

The members of the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board shall elect the Chairman, Co-Chairman and Executive Secretary.

A Secretary position shall be filled by the Land Use and Growth Management representative. This position will provide the staffing support required from the St. Mary's County Government.

Section 3

No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than one term in the same office.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1

The regular meetings of the Board shall be held once a month. All meetings shall be advertised through the St. Mary's County Public Information Office.

Section 2

Plumbers, gas fitters, and citizens can request in writing to address the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board on plumbing and fuel gas issues in St. Mary's County. All requests shall be mailed to:

The Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board
P.O. Box 653
Leonardtown, MD 20650

Section 3

Four (4) members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Board in all cases unless inconsistent with these bylaws or any special rules of order the Board may adopt.

ARTICLE VII

Amendment of Bylaws

Subject to the final approval by the Board of County Commissioners, this by-law may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a vote of the majority of all members of the Board, at any monthly meeting or at any special meeting when the proposed amendment has been sent out in the notice of such meeting.

Approved by the St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board on this ____ day of _____, 200_

ATTEST:

By:

(Gerald Davis), Chairperson

Approved by the Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County on this ____ day of _____, 200_.

ATTEST:

By:

John Savich, County Administrator

Francis Jack Russell, President

Approved for form and legal sufficiency:

Christy Holt Chesser
County Attorney