

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will hold a Public Hearing on July 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building located at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland, to consider public input on a proposed ordinance to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for three new uses for medical cannabis: Medical Cannabis Growing Facility, Medical Cannabis Processor, and Medical Cannabis Dispensary. The proposed ordinance contains definitions for new terms; the zoning districts where these uses will be allowed; general standards, including, at a minimum, 500 feet of separation from property lines of any residences, schools, daycares, or substance abuse treatment facilities for medical cannabis growers and processors and 500 feet of separation from property lines of any schools, daycares, or substance abuse treatment facilities for medical cannabis dispensaries; abatement of offensive odors and other nuisances; and both general site plan approval and conditional use approval required for all new uses.

The proposed ordinance can be viewed at: <https://www.stmarysmd.com/publichearings/>

Those wishing to address the Commissioners may participate in-person, email, written correspondence, or prerecorded video submissions. The public hearing may be viewed on SMCG Channel 95 or the SMCG YouTube Channel.

In lieu of appearance, comments may be submitted via:

- a. Email: [csmc@stmarysmd.com](mailto:csmc@stmarysmd.com)
- b. US Mail: PO Box 653 Leonardtown, MD, 20650
- c. Submit a 3-minute video clip to [publicmtgs@stmarysmd.com](mailto:publicmtgs@stmarysmd.com) no later than 5:00 p.m., August 2, 2022.

All submissions will be considered by the Commissioners at the Public Hearing and/or seven (7) days following the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing Guidelines are subject to change.

***Appropriate accommodations for individuals with special needs will be provided upon request. In order to meet these requirements, we respectfully ask for one week's prior notice. Please contact the County Commissioners Office at 301-475-4200, Ext. 1340. Proceedings are televised live and/or recorded for later broadcast on television. All content of these proceedings is subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act. Photographic and electronic audio and visual broadcasting and recording devices are used during the Commissioners' meetings. These are public meetings and attendance at these meetings automatically grants St. Mary's County Government permission to broadcast your audio and visual image.***

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

By: William B. Hunt, Director

July 8, 2022 and July 15, 2022 Advertising Dates