

**Subject: Administration - To Repeal and Re-enact Chapter 217 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, to Adopt the National Electrical Code, Provide for Issuance of Electrical Permits, Establish the St. Mary's County Board of Electrical Examiners, and Regulate Licenses for the Provision of Electrical Services and Permits for Homeowner Installations**

**ORDINANCE**

**TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 217 OF THE *CODE OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND*, TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, PROVIDE FOR ISSUANCE OF ELECTRICAL PERMITS, ESTABLISH THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICIAN EXAMINERS, AND REGULATE LICENSES FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES AND PERMITS FOR HOMEOWNER INSTALLATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Hogan signed Senate Bill 762 during the 2021 Regular Session of the Maryland General Assembly, repealing local authority to license Master Electricians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County are authorized by § 13-910 of the *Local Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to adopt a local electrical code, and are authorized pursuant to § 13-911 of the *Local Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to establish a Board of Electrical Examiners, and are authorized pursuant to § 13-911 of the *Local Government Article* and Title 6 of the *Business Occupations and Professions Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to establish regulations for the issuance of licenses to provide electrical services, and are required pursuant to § 12-615 of the *Public Safety Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to adopt regulations to govern the issuance of permits to homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, a notice of a public hearing was advertised on October 29, 2021, and November 5, 2021, in *The Southern Maryland News*, a newspaper of general circulation in St. Mary's County, and a public hearing was held on November 16, 2021, to receive public comment and consider procedures for the issuance of permits to provide electrical services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County find that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Mary's County to adopt a local electrical code, to provide for issuance of electrical permits, to establish a Board of Electrical Examiners, to establish regulations for the issuance of licenses to provide electrical services, and to adopt regulations to govern the issuance of permits to homeowners,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, pursuant to § 13-910 and § 13-911 of the *Local Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* Title 6 of the *Business Occupations and Professions Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, and § 12-615 of the *Public Safety Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* that:

**SECTION I.** Chapter 217 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, is repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

**ELECTRICAL SERVICES**