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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Commissioners of St. Mary's County  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

FROM: David Weiskopf, County Attorney

RE: St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board

DATE: September 17, 2019

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**History/Background Information**

Chapter 92 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland entitled "Plumbing Code" was enacted in 1973 and authorized the Commissioners to appoint a Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board.

In 2016 St. Mary's County adopted the State Plumbing Code as part of its Building Code and the local plumbing board no longer had any legal duties or authority. In 2017, Chapter 92 was repealed by Chapter 50 of the 2017 Session Laws of the Maryland General Assembly.

The Department of Land Use and Growth Management requests that the St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board be established.

**Summary:** The Department of Land Use and Growth Management requests that the St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board be established to provide advice and assistance to the CSMC with respect to plumbing and fuel issues and to review the plumbing and Fuel Code as it is amended from time to time.

**Timeline:**

- Approve Resolution
- Approve Bylaws

**Collaboration:** On August 19<sup>th</sup>, the County Attorney's Office met with members of Land Use and Growth Management Department as well as former members of the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board to discuss the establishment of the St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board. In addition, the County Attorney's Office prepared a Draft Resolution and Bylaws which were presented to the group on August 19, 2018. The Draft Resolution and Bylaws are now being submitted to you for approval.

**Consideration:** The CSMC can either approve the establishment of the St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board Resolution and Bylaws or amend the Draft Resolution and Bylaws.