

<p>Requested by: Department of Land Use and Growth Management</p>	<p>Ordinance No. 2021 - _____ Subject: Amending the Official Zoning Maps of St. Mary's County by deleting the 1,000-foot Critical Area boundary and replacing it with the 1,000-foot Critical Area boundary on the Statewide Base Map that was produced in accordance with House Bill 1253 (2008)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 1 of 2</p>
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ORDINANCE

TO AMEND CHAPTER 285 OF THE CODE OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, BY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAPS BY DELETING THE 1,000-FOOT CRITICAL AREA BOUNDARY AND REPLACING IT WITH THE 1,000-FOOT CRITICAL AREA BOUNDARY ON THE STATEWIDE BASE MAP THAT WAS PRODUCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOUSE BILL 1253 (2008)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section §4-101 through §4-104 of *the Land Use Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County are authorized to establish zoning districts and prescribe and amend regulations applicable in such districts; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County adopted the Official Zoning Map for St. Mary's as Attachment 2 to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance on August 31, 2010, subsequently amended, and codified as Chapter 285 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, House Bill 1253 was passed and signed into law requiring the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays to work cooperatively with local governments to update the Critical Area Maps in all affected jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1253 directed the Critical Area Commission to prepare a Statewide Base Map that includes a State-determined shoreline and landward boundary of tidal wetlands and a digitally generated, geo-referenced 1,000-foot Critical Area boundary; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's County Department of Information Technology has added the digitally generated, geo-referenced 1,000-foot Critical Area boundary files for St. Mary's County used on the Statewide Base Map, to the Official Zoning Maps, pending final approval by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on January 25, 2021, and unanimously voted to recommend that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County amend the Official Zoning Maps by deleting the 1,000-foot Critical Area boundary and replacing it with the 1,000-foot Critical Area boundary on the Statewide Base Map that was produced in accordance with House Bill 1253 (2008);

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County that the St. Mary's County Official Zoning Maps are hereby amended by deleting the 1,000-foot Critical Area boundary and replacing it with the 1,000-foot Critical Area boundary on the Statewide Base Map that was produced in accordance with House Bill 1253 (2008).

SECTION I. The Official Zoning Maps for St. Mary's County are hereby amended by deleting the 1,000-foot Critical Area boundary and replacing it with the 1,000-foot Critical Area boundary on the Statewide Base Map that was produced in accordance with House Bill 1253 (2008).

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date written below.

Those voting Aye: _____
Those voting Nay: _____
Those Abstaining: _____
Date of Adoption: _____
Effective Date: _____

ATTEST: **COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

Rebecca B. Bridgett
County Administrator

James R. Guy, Commissioner President

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

David A. Weiskopf
County Attorney

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

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