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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will hold a Public Hearing on September 1, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building located at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland to consider a proposed Ordinance amending Section 217-1.A(1) of Chapter 217 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland* ("Electrical Code").

Section 217-1.A(1) would be amended to read as follows:

- (1) The National Electrical Code, as revised and amended from time to time, is hereby adopted as the St. Mary's County Electrical Code. A revision or amendment shall be effective six months after the effective date or date of publication or the following April 1, whichever is later, of the revision or amendment. All electrical installations in St. Mary's County shall comply with the St. Mary's County Electrical Code.

Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the public hearing.

Note that as a result of the evidence and comments made at the public hearing, amendments may be made to the proposed ordinance.

Written comments, questions and suggestions may be submitted on or before September 10, 2015, to: Commissioners of St. Mary's County, P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available in the Public Information Office, Governmental Center, 41770 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. The Commissioners invite public comments and participation.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners of St. Mary's County
FROM: George R. Sparling, County Attorney
RE: Amendment of §217-1 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*
DATE: July 9, 2015

§217-1 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland* reads as follows:

The National Electrical Code, (2005 Edition), including all annexes, as adopted by the National Fire Protection Association, (hereinafter, the effective base code shall be referred to as the "NEC"), is hereby adopted as the St. Mary's County Electrical Code, and it is incorporated by reference hereto and is made a part of this Chapter with the same force and effect as though set out in full herein, save and except such changes, amendments, revisions, deletions, substitutions and additions as are specified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all electrical installations in St. Mary's County shall meet: (a) the standards and requirements set forth by the most recent edition of the NEC beginning sixty (60) days after the first publication of that edition; (b) this Chapter, regardless of changes to section numbers within the future editions of the NEC; and (c) all rules and regulations of the St. Mary's County Board of Electrical Examiners, as amended from time to time.

In a Memorandum dated May 5, 2015, the Board of Electrical Examiners stated that its policy is to conduct a ten week course on content of new and revised editions of the NEC, and that the current ordinance does not allow sufficient time between publication and adoption of the NEC. The Board of Electrical Examiners requested that the Ordinance be amended to extend the time of the effective date of revisions.

Subject: To Amend §217-1 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, to Establish the Effective Date of Revisions and Amendments of the National Electrical Code

ORDINANCE

TO AMEND §217-1 OF THE *CODE OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND*, TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§6-601 *et seq.* of the *Business Occupations and Professions Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County are authorized to establish procedures for the issuance of permits to provide electrical services; and

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing was advertised on _____, 2015, and _____ in *The Enterprise*, a newspaper of general circulation in St. Mary's County, and a public hearing was held on _____, 2015, to receive public comment and consider procedures for the establishment of the effective date of revisions and amendments of the National Electrical Code; 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 establish the effective date of revisions and amendments of the National Electrical Code,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, pursuant to §§6-601 *et seq.* of the *Business Occupations and Professions Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, that:

SECTION I. §217-1.A.(1) of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The National Electrical Code, as revised and amended from time to time, is hereby adopted as the St. Mary's County Electrical Code. A revision or amendment shall be effective six months after the effective date or date of publication or the following April 1, whichever is later, of the revision or amendment. All electrical installations in St. Mary's County shall comply with the St. Mary's County Electrical Code.

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

Those voting Aye: _____

Those voting Nay: _____

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Those Abstaining: _____

Date of Adoption: _____

Effective Date: _____

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Rebecca B. Bridgett
County Administrator

James R. Guy, Commissioner President

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency:

Tom Jarboe, Commissioner

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