

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will hold a public hearing on May 18, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building located at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland to consider public input on a proposed ordinance to allow private piers in waterfront subdivisions that were platted prior to December 31, 1994, that have a community pier. The proposed ordinance can be viewed at <http://www.stmarysmd.com/publichearing.asp>.

In accordance with the Public Health Advisory on public gathering sizes, the public participation is subject to capacity limits for in-person participation. Those wishing to address the Commissioners may also participate via teleconferencing, 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. Phone: 301-475-4200 x 1234 to speak via telephone during the public hearing
- b. Email: csmc@stmarysmd.com
- c. U.S. Mail: PO Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650
- d. Submit a 3-minute video clip to publicmtgs@stmarysmd.com no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

Citizens may listen to the Public Hearing by calling 301-579-7236; Access code: 963443#.

All submissions will be considered by the Commissioners at the Public Hearing and/or the 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 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, Department of Land Use and Growth Management

Subject: To amend Chapter 285 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, by deleting and replacing §71.9.1, Standards for Shoreline Resources, to allow individual piers in subdivisions platted before December 31, 1994, that have a community pier.

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ORDINANCE

TO AMEND CHAPTER 285 OF THE CODE OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, BY DELETING AND REPLACING §71.9.1, STANDARDS FOR SHORELINE RESOURCES, TO ALLOW INDIVIDUAL PIERS IN SUBDIVISIONS THAT WERE PLATTED BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1994, THAT HAVE OR ARE PLANNED TO HAVE A COMMUNITY PIER.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, § 8-1808.5(c)(6), "Community Pier in Buffer," individual lot owners in subdivisions platted before December 31, 1994, that have a community pier may construct a private pier; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County would like to allow the residents of St. Mary's County who own legally subdivided individual lots or parcels of record in subdivisions platted before December 31, 1994, that have a community pier the possibility of constructing a private pier; and

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing was advertised on April 30, 2021 and May 7, 2021 in *Southern Maryland News*, a newspaper of general circulation in St. Mary's County, and a public hearing was held on May 18, 2021, to receive public comment and consider the amendment of Chapter 285 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, by deleting and replacing § 71.9.1 Standards for Shoreline Resources; 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 repeal and replace § 71.9.1 of Chapter 285 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, regarding private piers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, that the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting and replacing § 71.9.1 Standards for Shoreline Resources, in order to allow legally subdivided individual lots or parcels of record in subdivisions platted before December 31, 1994, that have or are planned to have a community pier the possibility of building a private pier.

SECTION I. St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance § 71.9.1, Standards for Shoreline Resources, is repealed and replaced with the following language:

§ 71.9. Standards for Shoreline Resources

1. Subdivisions that have or are planned to have a community pier or boat ramp.
 - a. Each legally subdivided lot or parcel of record in a subdivision platted after December 31, 1994, that has or is planned to have, a community pier or boat ramp are prohibited from having an individual pier, piling, or boat ramp.
 - b. Each legally subdivided lot or parcel of record in a subdivision platted on or before

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December 31, 1994, is allowed an individual pier, piling, and/or boat ramp meeting the criteria of §51.3.113.

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

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APPROVED AS TO FORM
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