St. Mary's County
Department of Land Use and Growth Management

Frequently Asked Questions

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FAQ #4: How will I get an address for my new home?

Addresses are assigned to new lots at the time the subdivision plat is recorded. You may obtain a copy of the plat at the Office of Land Records located in the Circuit Court building in Leonardtown. The Department of Land Use and Growth Management can provide the address if you know the legal description of the property including the tax map number and parcel number as well as the name of the subdivision and the lot number(if applicable), or the tax account ID number. Old lots or parcels may have never been assigned an address. In this case, an address will be assigned upon request or when a building permit is issued (CZO Section 66.4.3).

Related Issues:

Private road names may be changed by petitioning the Board of County Commissioners.The owners of at least 51% of the properties on the road must sign the petition (BOCC Resolution Z-94-15 Section 2.2.d.4.a). The Planning Director may approve a road name change if all of the owners of properties abutting the road sign the petition (CZO Section66.3.2).

The house number of your address should be placed on your home in a visible (from the road) location. Owners of homes not visible from the road or that are more than 50 feet from the road should post their house number at the driveway entrance and on the home.

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