

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will conduct a Public Hearing in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, beginning at 6:30 pm for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed Ordinance that would amend Chapter 286, Title – Signs of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, establishing land use regulations regarding signs.

The proposed Ordinance would state no sign with an electronic display may be located within two hundred and fifty (250) linear feet of a residential property if any portion of the electronic display is visible from that residential property.

A draft of the proposed Ordinance is available for review at the St. Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth Management, 23150 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, Maryland until 4:00 p.m. the day before the hearing.

The Commissioners invite public comments and participation. Comments on the proposed Ordinance may be sent to the St. Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth Management, 23150 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 prior to the hearing. The public record will close Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Questions regarding this proposed Ordinance may be addressed to William Hunt, St. Mary's County Department of Land and Growth Management, 23150 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 or 301-475-4200 x *1508 or bill.hunt@stmarysmd.com.

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

By: William B. Hunt, AICP, Director
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and Growth Management

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ORDINANCE

**TO AMEND CHAPTER 286, TITLE – SIGNS OF THE CODE OF ST.
MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, ESTABLISHING LAND USE
REGULATIONS REGARDING SIGNS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §4-102 of the *Land Use Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County are authorized to regulate the location and use of buildings, signs, structures, and land; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2016, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County adopted Ordinance No. 2016-27, with an effective date of September 13, 2016, regulating signs; and

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing was advertised on January 12, 2018, and January 19, 2018, in *The Enterprise*, a newspaper of general circulation in St. Mary's County, and a public hearing was held on January 30, 2018, to receive public comment and consider the adoption of Chapter 286 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, establishing land use regulations regarding signs; 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 adopt Chapter 286, Title - Signs of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, establishing land use regulations regarding signs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, pursuant to §4-102 of the *Land Use Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, that:

SECTION I. Chapter 286, Title - Signs of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, is amended to read as follows:

Title – Signs

09. General Provisions. Any other provision of this Title notwithstanding, the following provisions are applicable to all signs:

01. Location.

- a. No sign with an electronic display may be located within two hundred and fifty (250) linear feet of a residential property if any portion of the electronic display is visible from that residential property; or
- b. No sign may be located within the right of way of any State or County street or highway.

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

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

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

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County Administrator

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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