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SUBJECT: ST. MARY'S COUNTY
PUBLIC ETHICS ORDINANCE
(REVISION)

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the 1979 Session of the Maryland General Assembly passed the Maryland Public Ethics Law (Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1979) which has become Article 40A of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Article 40A requires each County to enact provisions similar to those contained in the Maryland Public Ethics Law (Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1979) which has become Article 40A of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners adopted on June 29, 1982, as Ordinance No. 82-12 the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance and amended it on July 1, 1984, December 17, 1985, November 12, 1986, October 13, 1987, June 4, 1991, May 18, 1993, January 10, 1995, November 24, 1998 and May 8, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission has reviewed and discussed Section 6 and has concluded that a revision of the Public Ethics Ordinance is appropriate for the purpose of simplification of filing financial disclosure statements for appointees to voluntary boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, in a meeting with the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission on February 20, 2001, the Board of County Commissioners discussed proposed Revision of Section 156-6 with the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission and granted authorization to publish notice for public hearing relative to the revising of the Public Ethics Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the State Ethics Commission as required by State Government Article, Title 15, Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle 8 of the Public Ethics Law, and by Code of Maryland Regulations, COMAR 19A.04, reviewed and approved the St. Mary's County draft Public Ethics Ordinance's Revision of Section 158-6; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners now concludes it is necessary to further amend the Public Ethics Ordinance, notice of Public Hearing was published on April 24, 2001 and May 1, 2001 in The Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed draft Ethics Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on May 8, 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissions that the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance is repealed and re-enacted as set forth herein and made effective May 29, 2001.

SECTION 1. - TITLE

This Chapter may be cited as the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance.

SECTION 2. - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND POLICY

- A. St. Mary's County, recognizing that our system of representative government is dependent in large measure upon the people having trust and confidence in their public officials and employees, finds and declares that the people have a right to be assured that the impartiality and independent judgment of public officials and employees will be maintained.
- B. This confidence and trust is eroded when the conduct of St. Mary's County business is subject to improper influence or even the appearance of improper influence.
- C. For the purpose of guarding against improper influence, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County enacts this Public Ethics Ordinance.

SECTION 3. - DEFINITIONS

The definitions contained in this section of the Ordinance shall be observed and applied except where the context clearly indicates otherwise or a different definition is adopted for a particular section or subsection of this Ordinance. Words used in the present tense shall include the future tense and words used

in the singular number shall include the plural number and the plural number includes the singular unless the obvious construction of the wording indicates otherwise. Words used in the masculine gender shall include the feminine and words in the feminine gender shall include the masculine.

Whenever used, the word "shall" is mandatory, and the word "may" permissive.

"Business entity" means corporation, general or limited partnership, sole proprietorship, joint venture, unincorporated association or firm, institution, trust, foundation or other organization, whether or not operated for profit.

"Commission" means the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission established pursuant to Section 4(a) of this Ordinance.

"Compensation" means any money or thing of value, regardless of form, received or to be received by any person subject to this Ordinance from a business entity for service rendered. If lobbying is only a portion of a person's employment, "compensation" means a prorated amount based on the time devoted to lobbying compared to the time devoted to other employment duties. For reporting purposes, a prorated amount shall be labeled as such.

"Doing business with" means:

- A. Having or negotiating a contract that involves the commitment (either in a single or combination of transactions within a calendar year) of \$3,500 or more, of county or county-controlled funds;
- B. Being registered as a lobbyist in accordance with Section 8 of this Ordinance; or
- C. Being regulated by the County or an agency thereof.

"Financial interest" means:

- A. Ownership of any interest as the result of which a person has received, within the past calendar year, or is presently receiving, or in the future is entitled to receive more than \$1,000 per calendar year; or
- B. Ownership of, or interest in more than five percent (5%) of a business entity.

"Gift" means the transfer of anything of economic value, regardless of the form, without adequate and lawful consideration. "Gift" does not include the solicitation, acceptance, receipt or regulation of political campaign contributions regulated in accordance with the provisions of Article 33, Section 26-1 *et seq.*, of the Annotated Code of Maryland or any other provision of state or local law regulating the conduct of elections or the receipt of political campaign contributions.

"Honoraria" means the payment of money or any thing of value for:

- A. Speaking to, participating in or attending a meeting, conference or other function; or
- B. Writing an article, other than a book, that has been or is intended to be published.

"Immediate family" means spouse and/or dependent child.

"Interest" means any legal or equitable monetary interest, whether or not subject to an encumbrance or a condition, which is owned or held, in whole or in part, jointly or severally, directly or indirectly.

"Interest" does not include:

- A. An interest held in the capacity of a personal representative, executor, administrator, agent, representative, custodian, fiduciary or trustee;
- B. An interest in a checking account or time or demand deposit in a financial institution;
- C. An interest in an insurance or endowment policy or annuity contract under which a company promises to pay a fixed number of dollars either in a lump sum or periodically for life or some other specified period; or
- D. A common trust fund or a trust which forms part of a pension or profit-sharing plan which has been determined by the Internal Revenue Code, as amended from time to time.

"Lobbying" means:

- A. Communicating in the presence of a St. Mary's County official or employee with the intent to influence any official action of that official or employee; or

- B. Engaging in activities having the express purpose of soliciting others to communicate with a St. Mary's County official or employee with the intent to influence any official action of that official or employee.

“Official and/or employee” means any person elected to, appointed to or employed by St. Mary's County or any St. Mary's County agency, board, commission or similar entity, whether or not paid in whole or in part with St. Mary's County funds, and whether or not compensated.

“Person” includes an individual or business entity.

“Volunteer Member” means any member of any board or commission who serves without compensation or who is paid only a nominal sum or is reimbursed only for actual and necessary expenses approved by the appropriate county official.

SECTION 4. – ADMINISTRATION

- A. There shall be a St. Mary's County Ethics Commission which shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Commission members shall be appointed for staggered terms of three (3) years. The Commission shall select its Chairman in July of each year by majority vote. A member shall serve until a successor has been appointed. The Commission, upon request, shall be assisted in carrying out its responsibilities by the County Attorney or such other counsel as the County Commissioners may from time to time appoint.
- B. This Commission shall be the advisory body responsible for interpreting this Ordinance and advising persons subject to it as to its application.
- C. The Commission shall be responsible for hearing and deciding any complaint filed regarding an alleged violation of this Ordinance.
- D. The Commission shall be the custodian of all statements, registrations, reports and complaints submitted in accordance with this Ordinance.
- E. The Commission shall be responsible for conducting information and education programs regarding the purpose and implementation of this Ordinance.
- F. Persons governed by this Ordinance may request the Commission for an advisory opinion concerning its application to them. The Commission shall respond within a reasonable time to the requests, provided that interpretations based on the facts are provided or reasonably available to it. The Commission may, in its discretion, also respond to such requests from persons not specifically governed by this Ordinance. Copies of the responses shall be made available to the public in accordance with and subject to any applicable state or county law regarding public records. Information which may identify the person who is the subject of the opinion shall be deleted to the fullest extent possible from advisory opinions.
- G. Persons may file, under oath, a written signed complaint with the Commission alleging a violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance. Also, the Commission, on its own motion, may issue complaints alleging violations of the Ordinance. Upon receipt of a complaint, after reviewing the allegations, the Commission may:
 - 1. Dismiss the complaint if deemed plainly frivolous or if the facts alleged do not indicate a violation of the Ordinance.
 - 2. Conduct an investigation into the allegations of the complaint or refer the complaint to the County Attorney or other legal counsel for investigation and report. Counsel shall refer the evidence collected to the Commission for its disposition.
 - 3. Based upon the Commission's investigation or the investigation and report of counsel, the Commission may, if appropriate, proceed as follows:
 - a. Dismiss the complaint.
 - b. Notify the Complainant and the Respondent that if any action is taken by the Respondent to cure the violation or violations within a time period specified by Commission regulations, the complaint may be dismissed if such dismissal is not contrary to the purposes of the Ordinance.
 - c. If not dismissed pursuant to (a) or (b), the Commission shall hold a hearing on the complaint.
- H. Review.
 - 1. The Respondent may be represented by counsel, and the proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with regulations governing hearings as adopted by the Commission.

2. Any final determination resulting from the hearing shall include findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations. If a violation is found, the Commission may take and/or recommend any enforcement action provided for by Section 9 of the Ordinance.
 3. If aggrieved by a final order of the Commission, the respondent may request judicial review in accordance with the provisions of Rules 7-201 through 7-210 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure, and any final order of the Commission shall be stayed automatically until the time for requesting judicial review has expired. If a timely appeal for judicial review is filed, the final order shall be further stayed until final disposition by the reviewing court.
 4. If in the course of considering any complaint filed with it, or made upon its own motion, the Commission has reasonable grounds to believe that the respondent named in the complaint may have committed a criminal offense, the matter shall be promptly referred to the appropriate prosecuting authority. All pertinent evidence under the control of the Commission shall be made available to the prosecuting authority.
 5. Following the filing of a complaint and unless and until the matter is referred for prosecution or a finding of a violation has been made, the proceedings of the Commission in connection with the complaint shall be conducted in a confidential manner, unless such confidentiality is waived by the Respondent.
 6. In carrying out the provisions of the Ordinance, the Commission may issue subpoenas in aid of investigations, to compel attendance and testimony of witnesses at hearings and for the production of books, papers, records, documents or other tangible objects. Such subpoenas may be judicially enforced.
- I. The Commission shall by majority vote have the authority to exempt from the definition of "gift" a specific thing or class of things of economic value which the Commission, upon a finding in writing, determines not to be detrimental to the impartial conduct of the business of the County and that the gift is purely personal and private in nature.
 - J. The Commission may grant exemptions and modifications to the provisions of Section 5 and 6 of this Ordinance if it determines that the application of those provisions would:
 1. Constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy; and
 2. Significantly reduce the availability of qualified persons for public service and further;
 3. Not be required to preserve the purpose of this Ordinance.
 - K. The Commissioners may adopt rules and regulations in order to carry out the provisions of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- A. Participation prohibitions. Except as permitted by other provisions of this Ordinance or by Commission regulation or opinion, a St. Mary's County official or employee shall not participate in:
 1. Any matter, except in the exercise of an administrative or ministerial duty which does not affect the disposition or decision with respect to that matter, if, to his/her knowledge, he/she, his/her spouse, child, parent, brother or sister has an interest therein.
 2. Any matter, except in the exercise of an administrative or ministerial duty, when any of the following is a party thereto:
 - a. Any business entity in which he/she has a financial interest of which he/she may reasonably be expected to know;
 - b. Any business entity of which he/she is an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee or in which entity he/she knows or may reasonably be expected to know that any of the relatives listed above have such an interest;
 - c. Any business entity which the official or employee knows is his/her creditor or obligee or that of a member of his/her immediate family as defined herein with respect to a thing of economic value. For the purposes of this subsection, retail credit accounts and any liability of less than \$1,000 are exempted.
- B. If a disqualification pursuant to this Section leaves any St. Mary's County agency, board, commission or similar entity with less than a quorum capable of acting or if the disqualified official or employee is required by law to act or is the only person authorized to act, the disqualified person shall disclose the nature and circumstances of the conflict of interest and a satisfactory explanation of the necessity to participate and act in a letter directed to the Ethics Commission, which shall be a public record. The Ethics Commission in a public meeting shall

review the conflict of interest and vote on the appropriateness of the official's participation. In its deliberations, the Ethics Commission will consider the degree and extent of conflict, the effect the official's participation would have on the spirit of the Ordinance and whether the official's participation would or would not be in the best interest of St. Mary's County. The Ethics Commission's decision will be transmitted in writing to the involved official and be a matter of public record. If the Ethics Commission finds that participation would be inappropriate, the involved official will not participate.

- C. Outside employment restrictions. Except as permitted by other provisions of this Ordinance or by ruling or regulation of the Commission when such interest is disclosed or when the employment does not create a conflict of interest or appearance of conflict, a St. Mary's County official or employee may not:
1. Be employed by or have a financial interest in any business entity subject to his/her authority or that of the St. Mary's County agency, board or commission with which he/she is affiliated or any entity which is negotiating or has entered into a contract with that agency, board or commission; or
 2. Hold any employment relationship or have a financial interest which would impair the impartiality or independence of judgment of the official or employee.
 3. The prohibitions in paragraphs 1. and 2. do not apply to:
 - a. An official or employee who is appointed to a regulatory or licensing authority pursuant to a requirement that persons subject to the jurisdiction of such authority be represented in appointments to it;
 - b. An official or employee whose duties are ministerial and not involved with the decision-making processes of the agency, board or commission, if the private employment or financial interest does not create a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest, as permitted and in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Commission.
 - c. Subject to other provisions of law, including Section 5 of this Ordinance, any member of a board or commission in regard to a financial interest or employment held at the time of appointment, provided that it is publicly disclosed to and approved by the appointing authority and the Commission.
 4. The prohibitions in paragraph 1. above do not apply to volunteer members of boards and commissions.
- D. Solicitation or acceptance of gifts. A St. Mary's County official or employee shall not:
1. Solicit any gift nor knowingly accept any gift, directly or indirectly, from any person or business entity that he/she knows or has reason to know:
 - a. Is doing business with the office, agency, board or commission with which such official or employee is affiliated; or
 - b. Has an interest that may be substantially and materially affected, in manner distinguishable from that of the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of his/her official duty.
 2. However, unless a gift of any of the following would tend to impair the impartiality and the independence of judgment of the official or employee receiving it or, if of significant value, would give the appearance of doing so, or, if of significant value, the recipient official or employee believes or has the reason to believe that it is designed to do so, an official or employee may accept:
 - a. Meals and beverages;
 - b. Ceremonial gifts or awards which have no significant monetary value;
 - c. Unsolicited gifts of nominal value or trivial items of informational value;
 - d. Reasonable expenses for food, travel, lodging and scheduled entertainment of the official or the employee for a meeting which is given in return for participation in a panel or speaking engagement at the meeting;
 - e. Gifts of tickets or free admission extended to an elected official or employee to attend a professional or intercollegiate sporting event or charitable, cultural or political events, if the purpose of this gift or admission is a courtesy or ceremony extended to the office;

- f. Gifts from a person related by blood or marriage or a spouse, child, ward, financially dependent parent or other relative who shares the official's or employee's legal residence, or a child, ward, parent or other relative over whose financial affairs the person has legal or actual control; or
- g. Honoraria, except as provided in subparagraph h. of this Section.
- h. Exceptions.

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subparagraph, officials or employees may not accept honoraria if:

- (a) The Payor has an interest that may be substantially and materially affected, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of the recipient's official duty; and
- (b) The offering of the honorarium is in any way related to the individual's official position.

(2) The prohibition under this subsection does not apply to:

- (a) The payment of or reimbursement for reasonable expenses for the official's meals, travel and lodging actually incurred by the official in speaking to, participating in or attending a meeting, conference or other function or in writing an article, other than a book, that has been or is intended to be published; or
- (b) Acceptance or receipt of gifts described under subsection 2.b. and c. of this Section.

E. General restrictions. A St. Mary's County official or employee shall not:

- 1. Use the prestige of his/her office or employment for his/her financial benefit or that of another or for the financial benefit of any business entity in which he/she has a financial interest.
- 2. Represent a person before or involving any St. Mary's county agency, board or commission.
- 3. Except when any such representation is on a contingent fee basis, the prohibition in subparagraph 2, above, does not apply to any volunteer member of a board or commission; provided, however, that no volunteer member shall assist or represent any person in any matter before or involving the board or commission with which they are affiliated, whether or not compensated.
- 4. Within one year following termination of County service, act as a compensated representative of another in connection with any specific matter in which he/she participated substantially as a county official or employee.
- 5. Other than in the discharge of his/her official duties, use confidential information acquired in his/her official county position for his/her own benefit or that of another.

SECTION 6. – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

A. The following boards, commissions and committees, including ad hoc committees and task forces appointed by the Board of County Commissioners or by any other board or commission, and the officials, employees and candidates for office as such when the positions are elective are required to file the financial disclosure statements as provided in this section. If the official title of any of the boards, commissioners or individuals listed below is changed, those persons fulfilling the same function shall be required to file financial disclosure statements as provided in this section.

- 1. Elected Officials and Employees of St. Mary's County:
 - a. Board of County Commissioners
 - b. County Treasurer
 - c. County Administrator
 - d. Deputy County Administrator
 - e. County Attorney
 - f. Assistant County Attorney
 - g. Director of Finance
 - h. Director, Department of Human Resources
 - i. Procurement Officer

- j. Director, Department of Public Works
- k. Director, Office of Capital Projects
- l. Director, Economic and Community Development
- m. Director, Office on Aging
- n. Director, Emergency Management Agency
- o. Director, Planning and Zoning
- p. Director, Recreation and Parks
- q. Director, Office of Community Services
- r. Director, Emergency Communications
- s. Director, Permits and Inspections
- t. Director, Information and Technology
- u. Board of Education
- v. Alcohol Beverage Board
- w. Housing Authority
- x. Metropolitan Commission
- y. Planning Commission
- z. Zoning Board of Appeal
- aa. Ethics Commission

2. Appointees to Voluntary Boards and Commissions:

- a. Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board
- b. Historic Preservation Board
- c. Economic Development Commission
- d. Electrical Examiners Board
- e. Plumbing Board
- f. Recreation and Parks Advisory Board
- g. Building Authority Commission
- h. Members of ad-hoc committees providing advice and/or recommendations regarding acquisition, zoning or designation of land, whether appointed by the Board of County Commissioners or appointed by other local government boards or commissions authorized to make such appointments.

- B. Any person who is newly appointed to an employee position listed in Subsection A above shall, together with acceptance of employment, file a financial disclosure statement containing the necessary information for the calendar year immediately preceding the official appointment date.
- C. All members of boards, commissions and committees listed in Subsection A above, and all members of ad hoc committees and task forces providing advice and/or recommendations regarding acquisition, zoning or designation of land, whether appointed by the Board of County Commissioners or appointed by other local government boards or commissions authorized to make such appointments, shall, together with the member's acceptance letter, submit a financial disclosure statement which shall include disclosure of any and all potential conflicts of interest that may be foreseeable as a result of accepting the board, commission or committee appointment.
- D. Candidates for elected office shall simultaneously file a financial disclosure statement with the candidate's registration of candidacy for office with the St. Mary's County Board of Supervisors of Elections.
- E. Thereafter, the officials, candidates, appointees and employees identified in Subsection A hereof shall all file the required statement with the Ethics Commission on or before the 30th day of April of each year for the calendar year immediately preceding during any part of which the official, appointee or employee held an office or position or was a candidate for office.
- F. Upon leaving office:
 - 1. Any official or employee who leaves an office identified in Subsection A for any reason, except the official's death, shall within thirty (30) days after the departure date file a financial disclosure statement covering any period or periods for which the official or employee has not filed such a statement, including all required information up to the date of departure.

2. An official or employee who leaves one office identified in Subsection A hereof for another such office shall not be required to file a financial disclosure statement in accordance with Subsection A above if the official or employee has filed the currently required statement in the former position or office.
- G. All financial disclosure statements required by this section shall be on a form provided by the Commission and shall be signed and sworn to before a notary public by the person required to file. Elected officials and employees of St. Mary's County listed in Subsection 6(A)(1) shall disclose the information concerning the interests of said person as described in Subparagraphs 6(G)(1) through 6(G)(5) below. Appointees to voluntary boards and commissions listed in Subsection 6(A)(2) shall disclose only those interests as described in Subparagraphs 6(G)(1) through 6(G)(5) below that create a relationship, direct or indirect, lease or contract, with the board, committee, or commission for which the person is a member.
1. Interests in real property.
 - a. A listing of all real property, wherever located, in which the person has an interest, including the location of the property by either street address, mailing address or otherwise, and also including its size in acres or square footage or its dimensions;
 - b. The nature of the property (whether residential, commercial, industrial, etc.) and the extent of the interest held, including any conditions thereto and encumbrances thereon; i.e., mortgages, liens, life estate, reversionary interest, etc.; and
 - c. The identity of any other person with an interest in the property.
 2. Interests in business entities.
 - a. The name and address of all business entities in which a financial interest as defined herein was held at any time during the reporting period, whether or not the business entity does business with the county.
 - b. If any business entity listed in response to the reporting requirement in Subsection G(2)(a) above is either doing business with the county or doing business in the county or is the owner of real property in the county, then the names and addresses of all partners, shareholders or other investors holding a five percent (5%) or greater ownership interest in such entity or entities shall be listed if legally and reasonably ascertainable. Such disclosure shall not be required where the business entity is a publicly held company traded on a national stock exchange.
 3. Gifts received during the reporting period from persons or business entities doing business with the county and as to each such gift the nature and value thereof, the identity of the donor from whom or on behalf of whom, directly or indirectly, it was received and if given to another person at the direction of the official or employee required to file, the identity of that person.
 4. Any office, directorship, partnership or salaried employment in any business entity held during the reporting period other than those listed in response to Subsections G(2) and G(3) above in which an interest was held.
 5. The name and address of any person to whom or entity to which the official or employee was indebted at any time during the reporting period. For the purpose of this subsection, "indebtedness" does not include retail credit accounts or any liability of less than \$1,000.
- H. When April 30 or any other deadline for filing in this Section falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the financial disclosure filing date shall be extended to the next working day.

SECTION 7. – PUBLIC INSPECTION

All statements, registrations and reports filed pursuant to this Ordinance shall be maintained by the Commission and shall be made available during normal office hours for examination and copying by the public, subject, however, to such reasonable fees and administrative procedures as the Commission may establish from time to time. These documents shall be retained for four (4) years from the date of receipt.

Any person examining and/or copying a financial disclosure statement shall be required to record his/her name, telephone number, home address and the name of the person whose financial disclosure statement was examined and/or copied. This record shall be forwarded to the person whose financial disclosure statement is so examined or copied.

SECTION 8. – LOBBYING DISCLOSURE

- A. Any person who lobbies a St. Mary's County official or employee and who, in connection with such lobbying, expends or reasonably expects to expend in a given calendar year in excess of \$500 on gifts, including but not limited to meals, tickets, admission passes, awards or honoraria

for county officials and/or employees, shall file a registration statement with the Commission not later than seven (7) days of the first of the two above alternatives to occur.

- B. The registration statement shall include identification of the registrant by name, occupation, mailing address and telephone number and similar information about the person on whose behalf the registrant is acting. It shall also identify the subject matter about which the registrant is lobbying.
- C. Registrants under this Section shall file a written report by April 15 following any calendar year during which they were registered disclosing the value, date and nature of any gifts, including but not limited to meals, tickets or admission passes, awards or honoraria provided to County officials and/or employees during the preceding calendar year. The official or employee shall be identified by name and official title.

SECTION 9. – ENFORCEMENT

- A. The Commission may issue a cease and desist order against any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance and may seek enforcement of such order in the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County. The Court may issue a cease and desist order and may also impose a fine or civil penalty of up to \$500 for any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.
- B. On recommendation of the Commission, a County official or employee found to have violated this Ordinance may be subject to disciplinary or other appropriate personnel action.
- C. The Commission may issue letters of reprimand.

SECTION 10. – EFFECT OF ADOPTION

The above and preceding is adopted to have the full force and effect of law in St. Mary's County.

THOSE VOTING AYE: Randall, Guazzo, Mattingly, Raley

THOSE VOTING NAY: Anderson

ADOPTED THIS DATE: May 29, 2001

EFFECTIVE THIS DATE: May 29, 2001

ATTEST:

Alfred A. Lacer
County Administrator

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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