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ORDINANCE NO. 523

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS, CHAPTER 98 (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS) TO INCLUDE §98.9 CLIMATE CHANGE/SEA LEVEL RISE COMMISSION SETTING PROVISIONS FOR THE COMMISSION AND THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have created a chapter of the St. Michaels Code to contain all of the boards, commissions, committees, and panels created by the Commissioners so that the membership requirements and duties and functions of these boards, commissions, committees, and panels is easily accessed; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have been studying Climate Change and Sea Level Rise and see the effects on St. Michaels; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of the St. Michaels Comprehensive Development Plan 2015, entitled Climate Resilience, recognizes the challenges associated with being a coastal community on the east coast with low sea level, high water tables and hurricane risks, and recognizes that it is crucial that the Town improve its resilience measures; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have commissioned a St. Michaels Harbor and Stormwater Infrastructure Study which was completed in and is dated December 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of St. Michaels deem it in the best interest of the Town of St. Michaels to create a formal Commission titled Climate Change/ Sea Level Rise Commission in the Town of St. Michaels; and

WHEREAS, It is the intention of the Commissioners of St. Michaels and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall be included in the Code of the Town of St. Michaels, that the sections and subsections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-

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lettered to accomplish such intention; and that the word “ordinance” shall be changed to “section” or other appropriate word, as required for codification.

WHEREAS, for the reasons stated above the Commissioners deem it in the interest of the public health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the Town, and for the good government of the Town, to enact the following Ordinance.

SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS that Chapter 98 (Boards, Commissions, Committees and Panels) of the Code of the Town of St. Michaels is hereby amended by the addition, as follows, of new sections §98-9 Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission. New language is shown in *italics* and underlined.

§98-9 Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission.

A. *There is a Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission.*

B. *Membership of the Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission.*

- (1) *The Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Commissioners of St. Michaels, with an ex-officio member from the Town Commissioners and the Planning Commission*
- (2) *Preference will be given to Town Residents on the Commission.*
- (3) *Membership shall consist of representatives of the Waterways Management Advisory Board, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, waterfront business owners, and town residents, both waterfront and non-waterfront.*
- (4) *The term of a member of the Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission is four (4) years. Initial terms for the Climate Change/Sea Level Rise*

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Commission shall be staggered, with two appointees receiving four (4) year terms, Two appointees receiving three (3) year terms, two appointees receiving two (2) year terms, and one appointee receiving a one (1) year term. Terms to expire on December 31.

(5) The members of the Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission shall select a Chairman and a Vice Chairman annually. The Chairman shall be responsible for the conduct of all meetings, and act as liaison to the Commissioners and the Planning Commission. The Vice Chairman shall act in the absence of the Chairman.

(6) The Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission shall meet as frequently as it considers necessary, but not less than once every three months.

C. The Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission will study the recommendations contained in the St. Michaels Harbor and Stormwater Infrastructure Study and the St. Michaels Comprehensive Development Plan, recommend projects, and pursue grants designed to help mitigate and prepare the Town for sea level rise anticipated by 2050.

D. The Commission will coordinate planning of sea level rise solutions for waterfront businesses, and residences adjacent to the Town's harbor, and be a clearing house for information related to sea level rise initiatives within the Town.

E. Work products of the Commission will be to develop and present to the Town Commissioners an initial list of Capital and Operating project recommendations for the next 5-10 years. Once projects are approved by the Town Commissioners, the Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission shall work to pursue the necessary design studies, funding assistance, and construction for approved projects.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days from the date of its enactment, having been read at two

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(2) meetings of The Commissioners of St. Michaels and having been passed by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels.

ORDINANCE NO. 523 HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED, read for the first time and ordered posted on the Town bulletin board at the Public Meeting of The Commissioners of St. Michaels held on the 27th day of April, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., in the meeting room at the Town Office, St. Michaels, Maryland.

 (SEAL)
Jean R. Weisman
Town Clerk\Manager

HAVING BEEN READ for the second time and passed by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels at a Public Meeting of The Commissioners of St. Michaels held on this 12th day of May, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., in the meeting room of the St. Michaels Free Library, St. Michaels, Maryland.


Bibb	-	<u> </u> yea <u> </u>
Breimhurst	-	<u> </u> yea <u> </u>
duPont	-	<u> </u> yea <u> </u>
Harrod	-	<u> </u> yea <u> </u>
Windon	-	<u> </u> nay <u> </u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Ordinance No. 523 was passed by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels on the 12th day of May, 2021.


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ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS



Jean R. Weisman, Town Clerk\Manager

By:  (SEAL)

Joyce D. Harrod, President

I HEREBY CERTIFY that an exact copy of this Ordinance was posted from the
13th day of _May_, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock _a.m. to the 1st day of _June_, 2021, at
4:30 o'clock p.m., on the bulletin board at the Town Office in St. Michaels, Maryland, and
that a summary of the aforesaid Ordinance No. 523, the date of its passage, its effective date
and the fact that the entire text of the Ordinance may be read on the bulletin board of the
Town Office, St. Michaels, Maryland, for at least twenty (20) days following the passage,
has been published at least once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks following the
passage of said Ordinance in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of St.
Michaels.

Date: 
_____, 2021

 (Seal)

Jean R. Weisman, Town Clerk\Manager