

Introduced – April 29 2020- Bibb and Harrod

Adopted – April 29, 2020

Effective – April 29, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TIME FRAME FOR SIGNS ALLOWED ON UTILITY POLES ON TALBOT STREET PER CHAPTER 340-40 (18) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS IN ORDER TO HONOR THE GRADUATING SENIORS OF ST. MICHAELS HIGH SCHOOL DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, pursuant to § C-31(B) of the Charter of the Town of St. Michaels (the “Charter”), when a state of emergency has been declared by the Governor of Maryland, Talbot County, Maryland, and/or The Commissioners of St. Michaels (the “Commissioners”) pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Commissioners are authorized and empowered to adopt a resolution postponing any regular or special election upon a finding that such postponement is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare and to conduct the election in a safe, orderly, and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in every Maryland county; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Commissioners passed Ordinance No. 506, entitled “An Emergency Ordinance to Declare a State of Emergency in the Town of St. Michaels as a Result of COVID-19” (“Emergency Ordinance No. 506”) pursuant to the foregoing authority, as well as the Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency declared by the Governor of Maryland on March 5, 2020 and the Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak issued by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the Commissioners passed Ordinance No. 507 entitled “An Emergency Ordinance Declaring an Extension of the State of Emergency in the Town of St. Michaels as a Result of Covid-19 Initially Declared Pursuant to Emergency Ordinance No. 506; Provided that the Title of this Emergency Ordinance Shall be Deemed a Fair Summary, and Generally Relating to a Continuing State of Emergency in the Town of St. Michaels.

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 340-40 (18) of the Zoning Code, signs for special events conducted in the municipality that support community needs may be permitted on utility poles from September thru April each year; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, schools in the State of Maryland were closed on March 16, 2020, requiring distance learning for the graduating seniors of St. Michaels High School; and

WHEREAS, due to the required social distancing these seniors have missed being together in school, at prom and likely for their graduation; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Ordinance No. 507, paragraph 7, authorizes The Town Commissioners, upon a finding that the suspension or postponement will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety, and upon recommendation of the Town Manager, suspend indefinitely or postpone to a date certain the effect of any legal or procedural deadline, due date, time of

default, time expiration, period of time, or other time of an act or event described within any local statute, rule, or regulation that the Town Commissioners administer; and

WHEREAS, The Town Manager has recommended to the Town Commissioners that due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding the COVID 19 pandemic, the April deadline of Chapter 340-40 (18) of the Town Code be extended until June 15, 2020 to allow for the Seniors of St. Michaels High School to be honored with signs on the utility poles from May 15, 2020 – June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners find that the extension of the deadline will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety during this State of Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS:

Section 1. Due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding the COVID 19 pandemic, the April deadline of Chapter 340-40 (18) of the Town Code be extended until June 15, 2020 to allow for the Seniors of St. Michaels High School to be honored with signs on the utility poles from May 15, 2020 – June 15, 2020; and

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

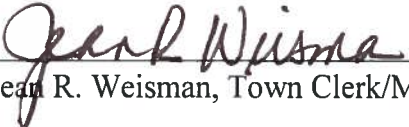
THIS RESOLUTION 2020-06 HAVING BEEN ADOPTED by the following yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels on the 29th day of April 2020.

Boos - yea
Bibb - yea
Harrod - yea
Winton - yea
Glackin - yea

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Resolution 2020-06 was adopted by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels on the 29th day of April 2020.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS



Jean R. Weisman, Town Clerk/Manager

 (SEAL)

William E. Boos, President