

Introduced – April 14 2021  
Adopted – April 14 2021  
Effective – April 14 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02**

**A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TIME FRAME FOR SIGNS ALLOWED ON UTILITY POLES ON TALBOT STREET PER CHAPTER 340-162 (H) 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 Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 14-111, the principal executive officer of a political subdivision may declare a local state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 5-202 and § C-19(A) of the Charter of the Town of St. Michaels, The Commissioners of St. Michaels (the "Town Commissioners") are authorized and empowered to pass ordinances which are not contrary to the Constitution or laws of the State of Maryland or to the provisions of the Charter for the preservation of peace and order, for securing persons and property from violence, danger, or destruction, and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of and visitors in the Town of St. Michaels (the "Town"); 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**, the Commissioners subsequently passed Ordinance Nos. 507, 509, 511, 514, 516, 517, 518 and 522 which extended the State of Emergency in the Town of St. Michaels as a Result of Covid-19 Initially Declared Pursuant to Emergency Ordinance No. 506; and Generally Relating to a Continuing State of Emergency in the Town of St. Michaels.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 340-162 (H) 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 in March 2020, requiring distance learning for the graduating seniors of St. Michaels High School; and

**WHEREAS**, students continue to be impacted during the 2021 school year and students continue with hybrid learning, and many normal events and activities being cancelled, and

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

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Ordinance No. 522, 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 340-162(H) 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, 2021 – June 15, 2021; 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 340-162 (H) of the Town Code be extended until June 15, 2021 to allow for the Seniors of St. Michaels High School to be honored with signs on the utility poles from May 15, 2021 – June 15, 2021; and

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

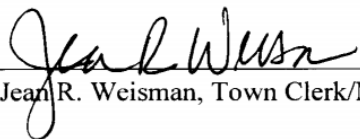
THIS RESOLUTION 2021-02 HAVING BEEN ADOPTED by the following yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

Bibb	- yea
Breimhurst	- yea
duPont	- yea
Harrod	- yea
Windon	- yea

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Resolution 2021-02 was adopted by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS

  
Jean R. Weisman, Town Clerk/Manager

 (SEAL)  
By: Joyce D. Harrod, President