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ST. MARY'S COUNTY



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November 3, 2020

The Honorable Matthew Morgan  
Maryland House of Delegates  
310 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Morgan:

Re: St. Mary's County - To request amendment of §20 of the *Local Government Article* to give St. Mary's County the authority to enact a building excise tax, to set dates to phase in the excise tax, terminate the development impact fee, and grandfather citizens who have applied for a building permit

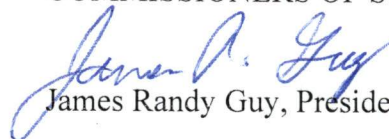
Dear Chairman Morgan:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County support the request for amendment of §20-706 of the *Local Government Article* to give St. Mary's County the authority to enact a building excise tax as requested by Chief Financial Officer, Jeannett Cudmore. The Commissioners have approved the addition of the following language:

1. to phase the excise tax beginning October 1, 2022 and
2. to terminate the development impact fee on October 1, 2023 and
3. to grandfather citizens that have applied for a building permit by December 31, 2022 so that they are only paying the one fee (development impact fee).

We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe this legislation will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,  
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

  
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