

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will conduct a public hearing in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown, Maryland, on **Tuesday, November 1, 2016** beginning at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 267 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland* (Homestead Tax Credit). The proposed Ordinance would change the percentage by which the assessment of certain real property exceeds the prior year's taxable assessment.

Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the public hearing.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available at the St. Mary's County Department of Finance, 41770 Baldrige Street, Maryland, and under "Public Hearing Notices" at <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/>.

Any reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities should be requested by contacting the St. Mary's County Public Information Officer at (301) 475-4200, Ext. *1342.

The Commissioners invite public comments and participation. Comments on the proposed Ordinance may be received at or before 8:00 a.m. on November 8, 2016, addressed to: Commissioners of St. Mary's County, P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 or to csmc@stmarysmd.com.

Note that as a result of the evidence and comments made at the public hearing, amendments may be made to the proposed Ordinance.

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

By: Jeannett C. Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer

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ORDINANCE

TO AMEND CHAPTER 267 OF THE CODE OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant §9-105 of the *Tax-Property Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County are authorized to grant a property tax credit for certain real property and to set, by law, the homestead credit percentage for the taxable year beginning the following July 1; and

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing was advertised on October 21, 2016, and October 28, 2016, in *The Enterprise*, a newspaper of general circulation in St. Mary's County, and a public hearing was held on November 1, 2016, to receive public comment and consider the amendment of Chapter 267 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, to set the homestead credit percentage for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County find that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Mary's County to amend Chapter 267 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, to set the homestead credit percentage for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2017,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, pursuant to §9-105 of the *Tax-Property Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, that:

SECTION I. Section 267-44 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 267-44. - Credit established; amount; when applicable.

A homestead tax credit percentage for property owners as described and provided for in §9-105 of the Tax Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as aforesaid, of one hundred ____ (___) percent is hereby established. Such homestead tax credit shall be applicable for the tax year beginning July 1, 2017, and any subsequent year, provided that on or before November 15, 2017, and any year thereafter, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, may alter by law the homestead tax credit percentage for the taxable year beginning the following July 1, and any subsequent year, provided that the homestead tax credit herein provided for may not exceed the maximum provided by state law. Such homestead tax credit shall be subject to all provisions, restrictions and conditions provided from time to time by state law. The homestead property tax credit provided for in this article shall apply to county taxes and to the municipal taxes of

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municipalities in St. Mary's County if the municipal corporation has not established a homestead property tax credit. The homestead tax credit shall apply only to such taxes as may become due after June 30, 2016.

SECTION II. Section 267-45 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, is repealed.

SECTION III. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date written below.

Those voting Aye: _____

Those voting Nay: _____

Those Abstaining: _____

Date of Adoption: _____

Effective Date: _____

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Rebecca B. Bridgett
County Administrator

James R. Guy, Commissioner President

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency:

Tom Jarboe, Commissioner

George R. Sparling
County Attorney

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

John E. O'Connor, Commissioner