

OF

DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

2021 Legislative Session,
Legislative Day No. 11

Introduced By: County Council

BILL NO. 2021-12

AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND TO ENACT NEW SECTION 40-14(E) ENTITLED "EXEMPTION - BROADBAND PROJECTS" TO SECTION 40-14 ENTITLED "PERMIT REQUIREMENTS" TO ARTICLE II ENTITLED "EXCAVATIONS" TO CHAPTER 40 ENTITLED "ROADS" OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR BROADBAND PROJECTS FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE SQUARE FOOT SURFACE OPENINGS IN THE SURFACE OF ANY ROAD, STREET OR THOROUGHFARE.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on the official bulletin board of County, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.

Ordered publication for once a week for two (2) successive weeks, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland at 6:02 p.m.

By order:



Jay L. Newcomb
President of the County Council
of Dorchester County, Maryland

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SECTION ONE: Be it ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, that new Section 40-14(E) entitled “Exemption - Broadband Projects” be added to Section 40-14 entitled “Permit Requirements” to Article II entitled “Excavations” to Chapter 40 entitled “Roads” of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland to read as follows:

**PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**Chapter 40. Roads
Article II. Excavations**

§ 40-14. Permit Requirements.

(E) Exemption – Broadband Projects.

Broadband projects are exempt from the payment of the square foot surface openings in the surface of any road, street or thoroughfare, as set forth in Section 40-14(B). Broadband projects are not exempt from the payment of the established permit fee. Broadband projects are not exempt from the other provisions of Section 40-14 of Chapter 40 of the Dorchester County Code.

SECTION TWO: And be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED that pursuant to Section 308 of the Charter of Dorchester County, Maryland that promptly after enactment of this Act, the County Manager shall cause a fair summary of this Act to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Dorchester County, Maryland.

SECTION THREE: And be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that General Code Publishers is directed to codify new Section 40-14(E) of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland in the Dorchester County Code accordingly.

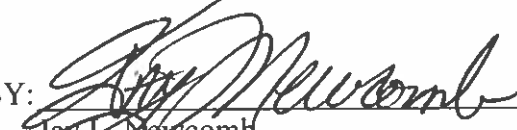
SECTION FOUR: And be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2021-12 of Dorchester County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage.

PASSED this 16th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 
Donna F. Lane
Acting County Manager

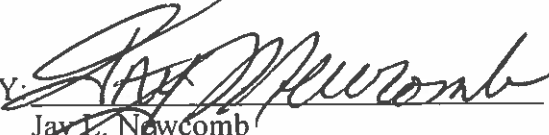
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APPROVED this 16th day of July, 2021.

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BY: 
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President

Nichols - may
Nagel - aye
Newcomb - aye
Pfeffer - aye
Travers - aye

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