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DORCHESTER COUNTY**County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland****Resolution Number** 515

**A Resolution of**, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, approving a request from the Dorchester County Office of Planning & Zoning, and the Dorchester County Planning Commission, regarding an amendment to the 1996 Dorchester County Comprehensive Plan for the adoption of Municipalities Growth Maps.

**Whereas**, the Maryland Annotated Code, Article 66B, empowers Dorchester County, Maryland to adopt and amend a Comprehensive Plan, and whereby Dorchester County has provided for the adoption of its current Comprehensive Plan on September 24, 1996 with the approval of Resolution number 241; and

**Whereas**, the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 66B, was modified by the Maryland General Assembly with House Bill 1141 which was passed in the 2006 Legislative Session, and requires municipal corporations that exercise planning and zoning authority to adopt a Municipal Growth Element as a new Comprehensive Plan chapter; and

**Whereas**, a Municipal Growth Element requires municipalities to identify areas for future growth consistent with a long range vision for their future, and based on consideration of a comprehensive list of factors including population projections, an assessment of land capacity and needs, and an assessment of infrastructure and sensitive areas, these Growth Elements will help guide future annexation proposals and plans, and are also intended to encourage joint planning and interjurisdictional coordination; and

**Whereas**, the Dorchester County Planning Commission at their December 7, 2011 meeting held a public hearing on the Municipalities Growth Maps where they accepted and carefully considered comments and testimony from the public concerning this amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and

**Whereas**, the Dorchester County Planning Commission at their December 7, 2011 meeting by an affirmative majority vote of its membership (unanimous 6-0), adopted the amendment, and sends a favorable recommendation to the County Council of Dorchester County to support and approve the Municipality Growth Maps amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and

**Whereas**, the County Council of Dorchester County, having held an advertised public hearing on the amendment request, and having scheduled and further reviewed this request at the Council meeting on January 3, 2012, and after giving careful consideration to the request, voted unanimously to approve the amendment; and

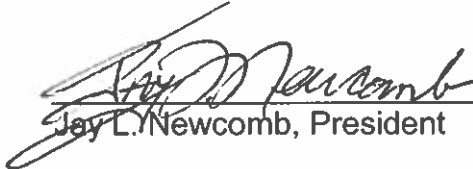
**Now therefore**, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland having complied with the procedural and substantive prerequisites of Article 66B of the State Code, does hereby expressly support, approve, and amend the Dorchester County Comprehensive Plan with the addition of the Municipality Growth Maps.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of **January, 2012**

**Attest:**

**County Council of  
Dorchester County, Maryland**

  
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Jane Baynard  
County Manager

  
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Jay L. Newcomb, President

  
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William V. Nichols

Absent  
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Rick Price

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Tom Bradshaw

  
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Ricky Travers

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