

RESOLUTION NO. 641

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY AMENDING THE 2004 DORCHESTER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN (“THE PLAN”) BY CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF AN AREA LOCATED ALONG BROOKS AND CHERRY POINT ROAD (ALSO REFERRED TO AS MCKEIL POINT), TAX MAP/BLOCK/PARCEL NUMBER 39/22/18, ZONED RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL), IN ELECTION DISTRICT 16. THE DORCHESTER COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT REQUESTS AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 4, SEWAGE, CHAPTER 4, TABLE 4-3, AND TO ADD A SEWER SERVICE AREA MAP ILLUSTRATING THE CHANGE FROM “NO PLANNED SERVICE” TO “S-1” (SEWER AVAILABLE).

WHEREAS, Shared Facility #21-1 is currently failing, discharging wastewater to the ground surface, and represents a serious health hazard. McKeil point has been identified as a Priority Funding Area (PFA), making the developed lots (only) eligible to receive financial assistance under a PFA Exception Request.

WHEREAS, the McKeil Point 1 Community (12 Developed Lots) requests the connection of the Shared Facility #21-1 (Bermed Infiltration Pond) to the Sanitary District #7 Sewer Service Lines.

WHEREAS, State law mandates that all Maryland counties adopt a Comprehensive Water and Sewer Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dorchester County adopted its most current Plan on March 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, a request was filed by the Dorchester County Sanitary District to amend the aforementioned text, chart and map to accommodate plans to upgrade the existing systems by connecting the shared facility – bermed infiltration pond to the sewer lines of Sanitary District #7 for the parcels indicated on the attached exhibits; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2019, the Smart Growth Coordinating Committee (SGCC) granted an exception to the Priority Funding Area (PFA) law due to existing environmental health hazard for the 12 developed lots being served by Shared Facility #21-1, Bermed Infiltration Pond. The PFA exception does not include the 2 undeveloped lots, which may not utilize state funds; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2020 the Dorchester County Planning Commission forwarded its recommendation to Council to approve the proposed Water and Sewer Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, this amendment of “the Plan” would be consistent with the 2020 Dorchester County Comprehensive Plan, currently only in its draft form and not yet adopted; however, the proposed amendment is not consistent with the previous Comprehensive Plan of 1996 in term of land use and community facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Dorchester County, having held a public hearing on July 6, 2021 and having given careful consideration to the matter, voted unanimously to adopt the proposed amendment(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Council of Dorchester County does hereby amend the Dorchester County 2004 Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan, as set forth on the attached exhibits.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND



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