

RESOLUTION NO. 645

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND AMENDING THE 2004 DORCHESTER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN BY CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF THE PARCEL DESIGNATED AS PARCEL 24 OF DORCHESTER COUNTY TAX MAP 12, ZONED B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS, IN THE HURLOCK ELECTION DISTRICT OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, KNOWN AS SUICIDE BRIDGE RESTAURANT, FROM “NO PLANNED SERVICE” TO “S-1” SEWERAGE SERVICE.

WHEREAS, property known as the Suicide Bridge Restaurant, being designated as Parcel 24, Dorchester County Tax Map 12, located at 6340 Suicide Bridge Road (the “Property”) is currently served by a domestic well, on-site septic system and tile disposal field. The tile disposal field is old and has difficulty handling the 5,000-6,000 gallon average daily wastewater flow. Summer season peak flows are approximately 9,000-10,000 gallons per day. The owner is pumping and hauling the wastewater to the town of Hurlock treatment plant during high flow periods to avoid any environmentally damaging overflows from the system. Hydraulic failure would probably occur if regular pumping of the system ceased. Without routine pumping, the hydraulic failure would be obvious and continually and immediately detrimental to groundwater and nearby streams and rivers. This is a health and safety concern for the residents in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Dorchester County Health Department will not approve a renovation or replacement of the existing tile field due to limiting soil conditions and seasonal high groundwater throughout the Property, and the best permanent solution for this ongoing wastewater problem is the connection of Suicide Bridge Restaurant to a public wastewater collection and treatment system that can provide high-quality treatment of all wastewater generated by the Property; and

WHEREAS, on December 1st, 2021, the Dorchester County Planning Commission reviewed the application for amendment to the Dorchester County Water and Sewerage Plan submitted by the owner of Suicide Bridge Restaurant and recommended approval of the amendment to designate the Property as S-1 for immediate connection to the Town of Secretary sewerage facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secretary is willing to permit the extension of municipal sanitary sewer to the Property; the owner of the Property will be responsible for all cost to extend the service (via tri-plex low pressure grinder pump and 4” PVC forcemain connection). The pump station and forcemain will be owned, operated and maintained by the Town of Secretary at the expense of the property owner; and

WHEREAS, as designated on the proposed map amendment, the forcemain is proposed for approval as a denied access line, sized and constructed to accommodate flows only from the Property. Access to the forcemain is limited to Property, absent the consent of all parties required by law to approve the connection to the forcemain; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to designate the Property as S-1 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the 2021 Dorchester County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has, in compliance with Section 9-503(c) of the Environment II Article, given the principal elected official of each municipal corporation that is affected notice of the Plan, revision, or amendment at least fourteen (14) days before the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, having held a public hearing on February 15, 2022 and having given careful consideration to the matter, voted to adopt the proposed amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland does hereby amend the Plan and hereby designates the Property as S-1 sewerage service.

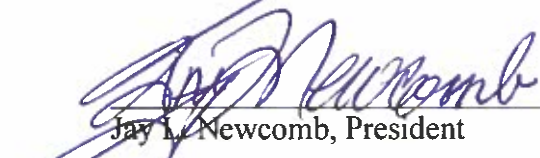
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th day of February, 2022.

ATTEST:

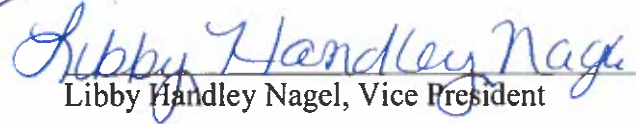
THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND




Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager



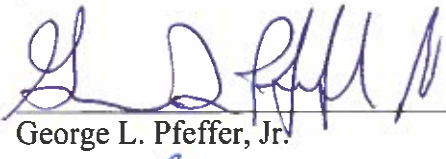
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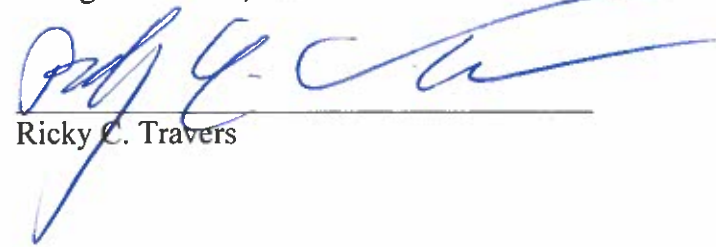
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