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**August 24, 2017 2:00 p.m.**

**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, September 12, 2017** beginning at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed Ordinance repealing and re-enacting Chapter 217 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland* (Electrical Code).

Chapter 51 of the 2017 Law of Maryland repealed Chapter 38 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland* (Electrical Examiners). The proposed Ordinance would provide for:

- Adoption of the National Electrical Code
- issuance of electrical permits
- a Board of Electrical Examiners
- regulations for the issuance of local licenses to master electricians
- regulations to govern the issuance of permits to homeowners
- enforcement by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the Ordinance and the provisions of Title 6 of the *Business Occupations and Professions Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*

The proposed Ordinance would make the provision of electrical services without a license a misdemeanor and make violations of the Ordinance a civil infraction.

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

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available in the Office of the County Attorney, Governmental Center, 41770 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650, and under "Public Hearing Notices" at <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/>.

**The Commissioners invite public comments and participation. Comments on the proposed Ordinances may be sent on or before September 22, 2017, to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 or to [csmc@stmarysmd.com](mailto: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 Ordinances.**

**COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

By: George R. Sparling, County Attorney