

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2020 Legislative Session,  
Legislative Day No. 5

Introduced By: County Council

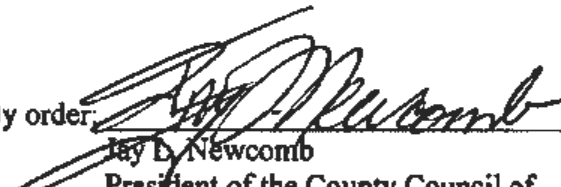
BILL NO. 2020- 5

AN ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND ACTING PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE, WHICH ENTRUSTS LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITH LAND USE PLANNING AUTHORITY TO GUIDE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 155-5 ENTITLED "AMENDMENTS" OF CHAPTER 155 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE, TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 155-37 ENTITLED "FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT" SUBSECTION 155-37C(4)(F) OF CHAPTER 155 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CLARIFICATION OF SITE LOCATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC PANEL BOARDS ON PIERS SO THAT THE HEIGHT DOES NOT NEED TO BE LOCATED HIGHER THAN 36" ABOVE THE BASE OF THE PIER.

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 21, 2020, Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland at 6:10 p.m.

By order,

  
Jay D. 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, acting pursuant to the Land Use Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, which entrusts local jurisdictions with land use planning authority to guide growth and development, and pursuant to Section 155-5 entitled "Amendments" of Chapter 155 of the Dorchester County Code (the "Acts"), that Section 155-37 entitled "Floodplain Management District", Subsection 155-37C(4)(f) of Chapter 155 entitled "Zoning" of the Dorchester County Code be REPEALED and REENACTED to read as follows:

**§155-37C(4)(f)**

Have the electric panelboard at least three feet above the BFE.

(1) Panelboards serving private piers, whether located on the pier itself or within the Critical Area buffers, shall be located at least thirty-six inches (36") above the height of the pier and follow the National Electric Code (as adopted by the Dorchester County Code) standards for ground fault protection for piers. The measurement shall be taken vertically from the top of the pier decking at the bottom of the panelboard. If the panelboard is located within the Critical Area buffers and not on the pier itself, the measurement shall be taken from the top of the pier decking to a horizontal point in space where the subpanel would be located if it were on the pier. There must be at least thirty-six inches (36") between these two measurement points.

**SECTION TWO:** Be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, that this Bill is subject to approval of the Critical Area Commission.

**SECTION THREE:** Be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, that upon approval of the Critical Area Commission, General

Code Publishers is directed to codify the amendments herein enacted to Chapter 155 of the Dorchester County Code, entitled "Zoning".

**SECTION FOUR:** Be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, that this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2020- 5 of Dorchester County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage or upon Critical Area Commission approval, whichever is later.

**SECTION FIVE:** Be it further ENACTED and ORDAINED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, that the disapproval or invalidity by Critical Area Commission or its Chairman of any provisions of this Bill shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions of this Bill, which shall remain in full force and effect. Only those portions of this Bill approved by the Critical Area Commission shall be codified in the Dorchester County Code.

**SECTION SIX:** Be it further ENACTED, 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.

PASSED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

BY:

  
Keith A. Adkins  
County Manager

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER  
COUNTY, MARYLAND


BY:

  
Jay E. Newcomb  
President

APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:





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Keith A. Adkins  
County Manager

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COUNTY, MARYLAND

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